



REQUEST FOR DECISION

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TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Jason MacDonald, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 4, 2019

SUBJECT: **Copp Avenue Sidewalk Replacement**

ORIGIN: 2019/20 Capital Budget Item

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: 37000-01 Procurement Policy and the MGA, Section 65 (z) Power to expend money states: *"The council may expend money required by the municipality for...acquisition of equipment, materials, vehicles, machinery, apparatus, implements and plant for a municipal purpose"*.

RECOMMENDATION: That \$50,000 be allocated in the 2019/20 capital budget to replace the sidewalk on Copp Avenue.

BACKGROUND: The sidewalk on Copp Ave has deteriorated to the point that some areas have become potential tripping hazards. This sidewalk is presently of asphalt construction, and in some locations is much narrower than typical Town of Amherst sidewalks. Town of Amherst sidewalks are rated every two years and this sidewalk had the lowest rating.

DISCUSSION: Replacement of the current asphalt sidewalk with a standard concrete sidewalk would facilitate safer pedestrian travel and access in neighbourhood. This work would be completed by Public Works employees and the capital cost reflect the estimated material cost for the project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$50,000 to be included in the 2019/20 capital budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Notices and press releases would be issued to all residents affected by this project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no expected environmental implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Defer replacement to a future budget, and perform routine maintenance on the sidewalk annually.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A



Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by: