



## AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

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**TO:** Mayor Kogan and Members of Amherst Town Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jason MacDonald DCAO

**DATE:** February 4, 2019

**SUBJECT:** VIA Train Station Furnace – **Carry Over**

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**ORIGIN:**

This request is driven by the Long term Agreement of Purchase and Sale approved by Council on December 21<sup>st</sup> with J.E. Bembridge for the purchase of the VIA Train Station.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:**

***Municipal Government Act*** Section 56 – 1A authorizes a municipality to beautify, improve and maintain property owned or leased by the municipality.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approves funding in the amount of \$7,000 for replacement of the furnace/boiler in the VIA Rail Station that the Town will take ownership in April 1, 2017.

**BACKGROUND:**

Amherst Town Council at the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting approved both the Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the Town and VIA for the purchase of Station Street including the VIA Station and the long term Agreement of Purchase and Sale between the Town and J. E Bembridge Enterprises Ltd. for the sale of the Station and property around the station. All transactions are due to close at the end of March.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Long Term Agreement of Purchase and Sale includes a requirement for the town to replace the existing furnace in the building with a new one at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Although the agreement closes with Bembridge on April 1st, the Town will own the property for a period of 5 years. The Town will purchase the property from VIA for \$1.00 and will sell the property over 5 years to Bembridge for \$64,980.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

There have been significant community engagement activities related to the long term use of the VIA Station over the past 2 years.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:**

A Level 1 Environmental Assessment completed on the property is a condition of sale with VIA.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** There are no social justice implications anticipated at this time.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Approve funding in the amount of \$7,000 a for replacement of the furnace in the VIA Rail Station.

Renegotiate the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale to remove this condition or change it in some manner.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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Report and Financial approved by: N/A