



REQUEST FOR DECISION

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TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Andrew Fisher, Manager of Planning & Strategic Initiatives

DATE: February 4, 2019

SUBJECT: **Implementation: Net-zero / Smart-Grid Feasibility Study – Carry Over**

ORIGIN: 2018-19 Capital Budget – Carry Over

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 the \$50,000 allocated in the 2018-19 capital budget for a potential implementation of the Net-Zero / Smart-Grid Feasibility Study be carried over to the 2019-20 capital budget.

BACKGROUND: The feasibility study is recently completed and contains recommendations around building efficiency retrofits at the Stadium and Sewage Treatment Plant that will likely have capital budget implications. Staff will further review the recommendations to develop a go-forward plan focusing on implementation. The application by NS Power for a smart-grid implementation project does not require a funding commitment from the Town.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The level of investment required is not yet known, but funding from other levels of Government will be part of the formula.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Not yet applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: The positive environmental implications are potentially significant.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications.

ALTERNATIVES: Status Quo.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

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Report and Financial approved by:

