



## 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:** Willow Street Trail - **Carry Over**

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**ORIGIN:** 2018/19 Capital Budget Item. Active Transportation Plan

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:** 37000-01 Procurement Policy and the MGA, Section 65 (ag)  
Power to expend money states: *"The council may expend money required by the municipality for...playgrounds, trails."*

**RECOMMENDATION:** That \$62,500 be carried over into the 2019/20 capital budget to complete the construction of the new two way gravel trail along Willow Street as per the Active Transportation Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** Last year work was started on the construction of a two-way gravel trail on Willow Street from East Pleasant Street to Robert Angus Drive. This project was identified in the Active Transportation Plan and will provide safer access to the commercial area of Robert Angus Drive and South Albion Street for people travelling from the east end of Town.

**DISCUSSION:** Town crews are undertaking this work and should be complete by June 1, 2019.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$62,500 to be carried over from the 2018/19 capital budget.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Significant communication has taken place with the owners of the adjacent property.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** It is anticipated that through increased use of active transportation in the community that the overall greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation within the Town will be reduced.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** The construction of active transportation infrastructure increases mobility and transportation options for all citizens.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. As the project has already been started there are no real alternatives to completing the project.



**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by: