



## 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:** South Albion Street Asphalt 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...trails"*.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That \$100,000 be carried over into the 2019/20 capital budget to complete the construction of the asphalt trail along South Albion Street per the Active Transportation Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** Last year work was started on the construction of a two-way asphalt trail from Robert Angus Drive to the Canadian Tire driveway. This work was late getting under way due to issues obtaining the easement from the property owner. The work was awarded to Costin Paving and the base of the new trail has been installed.

**DISCUSSION:** Costin Paving have agreed to have all work associated with this project completed no later than June 7, 2019.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$110,000 to be carried over from the 2018/19 capital budget.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Significant communication has taken place with Crombie Reit, the owner 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 awarded to a contractor and work has commenced, there are no real alternatives to completing this work.



**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by: