



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: Racetrack Road Pump Station Upgrades – Carry Over

ORIGIN: 2016/17 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 carried forward, in the 2019/20 capital budget to allow for the upgrading of the Racetrack Road sewer lift station.

BACKGROUND: The lift station was first built in 1979 to pump the Industrial Park sewer along Industrial Drive which did not flow by gravity to the former treatment plant near Maritime Sod on West Victoria Street. Since that time a large amount of flow has been created with the development of the Southgate Village mini home park, Robert Angus Drive, the shopping malls, Canadian Tire, the Hospital and the Lord Amherst Drive commercial area.

This pump station was not sized for the amount of flow encountered during peak periods or the rain water entering the system at times. The size of the tank that the sewer feeds into is very small and has no surge capacity, causing near overflows into a neighbouring brook. During any short term power outages the station can normally overflow to the nearby brook.

DISCUSSION: The proposed project has already been designed by an engineering consultant and involves constructing a large surge tank beside the existing station to allow for more storage and to allow the pumps to run on longer cycles. The project is currently in the procurement process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$50,000 be included in the 2018/19 capital budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: A project meeting would be held with the two neighbouring property owners to brief them on the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: The additional surge tank would help alleviate concerns with sanitary sewer overflows.



SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications to the installation of a surge tank.

ALTERNATIVES: Do not carry over the funding and cancel the project.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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Report and Financial approved by: