



## AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2019029

Date: March 25, 2019

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jason MacDonald, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** March 25, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Robert Angus Drive Widen Sidewalk (Active Transportation Plan)

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**ORIGIN:** 2019/20 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 \$275,000 be allocated in the 2019/20 capital budget to widen the asphalt sidewalk per the Active Transportation Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** The sidewalk on Robert Angus Drive was constructed 10 years ago and maintains a high rating. This section of sidewalk is well used by both pedestrian and cyclist. It is proposed to widen this sidewalk per the Active Transportation Plan to a width of 3 meters (10') to convert the sidewalk into a two-way active transportation trail.

**DISCUSSION:** While most of the new trail will be 3 meters in width, there will be some areas that are not as wide in order to accommodate the existing public and private infrastructure in the area.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$275,000 to be included in the 2019/20 capital budget and funded by gas tax funding.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Notices and press releases would be issued to all businesses affected by this project.

**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.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Defer replacement to a future budget, and perform routine maintenance on the sidewalk annually.



**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

Report and Financial approved by: