



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG**  
**OFFICE OF ENGINEERING & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

***Mission Statement:*** As stewards of the Town of Amherstburg, we strive to improve the quality of life of all residents through the delivery of effective, efficient, and affordable services.

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**To:** Mayor and Members of Town Council

**Subject:** Gravel Road Conversion Request

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**1. RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. The report of October 15, 2024 entitled Gravel Road Conversion Request, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**2. BACKGROUND:**

During 2023 budget deliberations Council requested an information report on the feasibility of the conversion of gravel roads in the Town of Amherstburg and received the matter for information. Council asked for this report following a delegation requesting that consideration be given to upgrading North Side Road between Concession 5 North and Concession 6 North from gravel to Tar and Chip.

A petition was circulated and has been submitted to the Town of Amherstburg requesting consideration of the conversion of a stretch of gravel road on Texas Road, from Howard Avenue to the 6<sup>th</sup> Concession North.

**3. DISCUSSION:**

The February 21, 2023 Council report on the feasibility of the associated works entitled, Gravel Roads Conversion, and is attached for Council's information and remains an accurate summary of the relevant information. A copy of that report is attached as Appendix "A" for Council's ease of reference.

#### **4. RISK ANALYSIS:**

There are no risks associated with receiving this report for information.

Where a conversion of a gravel road is directed based upon a citizen request, this may result in additional requests being received in relation to the remainder of the 32.8 km of gravel roads, and changes in the service level provided, and associated budgetary calculations for asset management obligations and asset replacement values.

Additionally, the risks noted in the 2023 report remain relevant to the request received. As noted in that 2023 report, while conversion of any gravel road is and continues to not be recommended at this time, should Council look to assign priority to gravel roads for conversion, Administration would recommend this only be done after completion of a review of traffic data and road conditions by a Traffic Engineering Consultant retained for this purpose. This would prioritize the roads that should be completed based on current condition similarly to the Roads Needs Study completed for other Town roads.

#### **5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

As was estimated in the report provided in 2023, the value at that time to convert all gravel roads was estimated to be \$6,100,800.

While the information in the 2023 report remains valuable, this report is provided to enumerate the specific costs associated with the conversion of Texas Road, from Howard Avenue to the 6<sup>th</sup> Concession North. The estimated construction cost to convert that section from gravel to Tar and Chip is \$250,000. Additionally, the difference in value of this asset, post-construction, would need to be added to the Town's Asset Management Plan and funded appropriately, as well as regular maintenance cost impacts on operational budgets, capital budgets and current reserve fund balances

#### **6. CONSULTATIONS:**

N/A

**7. CORPORATE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:**

*Vision: Preserving our past while forging our future.*

<i>Amherstburg Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PILLAR 1</b> <b>Deliver Trusted &amp; Accountable Local Government</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Improve trust between council and staff, and residents, by strengthening governance and internal accountability structures.</li> <li>✓ Deliver transparent and efficient financial management.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increase effective communication and engagement with residents.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop our staff team, resources, and workplace culture.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to deliver strong core municipal services.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Amherstburg is an inclusive accessible and welcoming community committed to reconciliation.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PILLAR 3</b> <b>Encourage Local Economic Prosperity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Encourage development of commercial and industrial lands.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to promote local tourism industry, especially overnight accommodation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to facilitate downtown development for residents and visitors.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to leverage partnership opportunities with other provincial, federal, and local governments, agencies, and organizations.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PILLAR 2</b> <b>Invest in Community Amenities and Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Maintain safe, reliable and accessible municipal infrastructure and facilities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increase access to recreation opportunities for all ages.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Finalize and execute plans for town-owned lands (e.g. Duffy’s site, Belle Vue)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create public access to water and waterfront</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize opportunities to reduce environmental impacts of Town operations and increase Town resilience to climate change.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PILLAR 4</b> <b>Shape Growth Aligned with Local Identity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Define and communicate a vision for the Town’s future and identity.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Promote and plan for green and “climate change ready” development.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review and implement policies that promote greater access to diverse housing.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Protect the Town’s historic sites and heritage.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Preserve the Town’s greenspaces, agricultural lands, and natural environment.</li> </ul>

**8. CONCLUSION:**

The estimated cost to convert all 32.8 km of gravel road surfaces in the Town of Amherstburg in 2023 was \$6,100,800 and Administration is not recommending that Council consider converting any gravel roads to tar and chip at this time.

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Antonietta Giofu

**Director of Infrastructure Services**

## Report Approval Details

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