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Date: June 23, 2020
To: Mayor and Council
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RE: 2021 CWATS Construction – Application Status
Report No.: MS2020 – 27

AIM

To provide Council with an update regarding application status for 2021 CWATS construction.

BACKGROUND

On an annual basis, the Town submits an application for CWATS construction to the County of Essex. Applications for 2021 construction are due in July 2020 and will be deliberated at the September 2020 Committee Meeting.

Since 2014, the Town has spent approximately \$3,155,000 on CWATS construction. This construction includes the installation of active transportation facilities (mainly paved shoulders) in the following locations:

- County Road 20 from the Chrysler Greenway to County Road 31 (6.4 km).
- County Road 50 from Cull Drive to County Road 23 (7.3 km).

DISCUSSION

During 2020 budget deliberations, Council expressed some concern regarding the cost and prioritization of CWATS construction in comparison to critical infrastructure. During this discussion, it was suggested that perhaps the Town withdraw from CWATS construction for a period of time to focus on other capital needs.

In 2021, Municipal Services will request capital funds for the next phase of Jasperson Drive reconstruction as well as the first phase of Road 2 East reconstruction. Initial plans for each project phase include the following active transportation facilities:

- A multi-use path on the west side of Jasperson Drive from the s-curve to Road 2 East (west of the arena).
- A sidewalk on the east side of Jasperson Drive from the new school location to Main Street East.
- A multi-use path on Road 2 East from County Road 45 to Graham Sideroad.

The proposed facilities on Jasperson Drive and Road 2 East are not CWATS initiatives; however, they do support and expand the current active transportation network.

Considering the above, Municipal Services will refrain from submitting an application for 2021 CWATS construction. If Council chooses to apply for CWATS construction, KINGS-12 would be the preferred candidate. KINGS-12 is a proposed multi-use path on County Road 45 from County Road 20 to County Road 34. KINGS-12 is the last remaining short-term initiative as identified in the CWATS Master Plan.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

To become a leader in sustainable infrastructure renewal and development.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations with receipt of this report.

\$400,000 is estimated for construction of KINGS-12 (Town share only).

CONSULTATIONS

Kingsville Administration

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this information as it relates to application status for 2021 CWATS construction.

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