



## **The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**Prepared by:** Peter Marra, P.Eng. – Director of Public Works

**Department:** Public Works

**Date of Report:** December 5, 2019

**Report Number:** PW-39-19

**Subject:** Pedestrian Safety Initiative – 2020 Budget Deliberations

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### **Recommendation**

That the report of the Director of Public Works dated December 5, 2019 (PW-39-19) regarding Pedestrian Safety Initiative BE RECEIVED and that Council APPROVE that administration prepare of a report for future consideration on how best to proceed with requests such as those contained within this report.

### **Report**

This report has been prepared in response to a request for sidewalk/pedestrian safety initiative for the area of Broderick Road and Huron Church Line presented to Council at the October 22, 2019 Council meeting.

This report contains information specific to the Broderick Road request as well as information on a previous request for the same purposes received in 2019. Additionally, other requests from previous years are also highlighted herein.

#### **Broderick Road**

Council, at the October 22, 2019 meeting, heard from Mr. and Mrs. Hutz as well from Mr. Hockley regarding a request for a trail on Broderick Road from Huron Church Line to St Francis. Council at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting passed a resolution to have this budget report prepared with construction estimates. As well, the resolution also contained wording that the Hutz/Hockley request be sent through to the County of Essex since Huron Church Line is under their jurisdiction.

The information was conveyed to the County along with a request to have the Environmental Assessment for Huron Church Line be moved up into their 2020 budget.

Town administration has reviewed what would be involved in constructing the trail as described above. The capital cost for this trail would be approximately \$850,000.00. The issue in this area, is that storm drainage is needed to be completed in order to construct the trail connection. The trail component represents about 20% of the overall cost, while the remainder of the cost is dedicated to storm drainage and restoration. We have for the purposes of this estimate assumed that no damage to the existing roads will occur during construction of the trail, however, that may be unlikely and will add additional cost.

There is no funds set aside for this project in the 2020 budget.

### Morton Drive

At the June 11, 2019 Council meeting, Council heard from Ms. Hachey regarding a request for a sidewalk on Morton Drive from Matchette to Front. Town administration also completed a report on this issue (PW-18-19). A copy of the report and resolution is attached.

At the time of the June 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the Town had already applied for a grant for this project and was awaiting to hear about the success of that grant application for the Morton Drive project. Council accepted the recommendation of report PW-18-19 and received the report and also supported waiting to hear back from the grant.

The Town was not successful in getting the grant for this project and this project is not contained within the 2020 budget. This project will be budgeted for in future years as funds become available.

This projects estimated capital cost is approximately \$6.8 million.

### Other Requests

For Council's information, the Public Works Department is in receipt of two additional sidewalk requests received in 2019 for areas such as Stuart (Malden to Matchette) and for Disputed (LaSalle Woods Blvd to Laurier). These specific requests have not been presented to Council as of yet, because administration is still discussing these matters with the respective representatives. These will be brought forward to a regular Council meeting in the future to be dealt with should the requestors wish to do so.

Additional informational items for Council. Other areas that have been brought forward to administration through Councillors in prior years have been Bouffard Rd (Malden to Disputed), Sixth Concession (Howard to Huron Church Line) and Kelly Road (Malden to Snake Lane).

General discussion points with respect to specific projects contained in this report

The difficult part of all the specific requests referenced within this report are that all of these requests are being made on roads that are rural in nature, have ditches, no storm sewers, in some cases no street lights and/or no sanitary sewers. In addition, the existing roads and road bases are in the need of some major investment/replacement should any significant activity occur in the right-of-way. The relative cost of the sidewalk/trail is small when compared to the overall cost of what is needed for any of these respective road sections.

It is recommended that Council receive this report for information.

**Consultations**

The residents who brought forward the Broderick and the Morton requests have been notified of this report.

The other requestors (Stuart and Disputed) will be advised as their requests are brought forward to future council meetings.

**Financial Implications**

None of the specific projects noted in this report are contained within the 2020 budget.

There is a general capital allocation for pedestrian safety initiatives contained within the Town's annual budget in the amount of \$500,000.00. However, these funds have been utilized over the last few years and for the next 4 to 5 upcoming years in providing for accessibility modifications of our existing sidewalk network throughout the Town in changing over the wheel chair ramps with tactile plates.

The various requests contained within this report are into the tens of millions of dollar and while the Town does budget \$0.5 million per year for these types of initiatives, it will take some significant changes and/or time to carry any of these projects forward.

In addition to the 4 or 7 specific pedestrian related projects, which is the subject of this report, there are plenty of roads within the Town in need of the same attention, more precisely in the Front Road area of repair and renovation, including pedestrian safety, sidewalks, storm drainage, etc.

Nonetheless, administration is proposing to prepare a subsequent report for Council's consideration in 2020 on methods, strategies and/or options on how these types of projects can be achieved and brought forward in future years. The report will look at the demand Town wide and try to project how and what Council can put in place or use to

achieve these goals. Things such a dedicated tax rate increase, special charges, local improvement charge, etc. will be reviewed.

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Peter Marra, P.Eng. – Director of Public Works

## Link to Strategic Priorities

	Expanding and diversifying our assessment base
	Effectively communicating the activities and interests of the Town
yes	Managing our human and financial resources in a responsible manner
	Promoting and marketing LaSalle
	Promote a healthy and environmentally conscious community

## Communications

yes	Not applicable
	Website
	Social Media
	News Release
	Local Newspaper
	Bids & Tenders
	Notification pursuant to the Planning Act

## Notifications

Name	Address	Email
Mr. and Mrs. Hutz		
Mr. Hockley		
Ms. Hachey		

**Report Approval Details**

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

  
Chief Administrative Officer

Joe Milicia