

December 17, 2018

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

RE: 2019 Budget Request – Road Reconstruction

In 2017 the request came forward to the budget process for the resurfacing of Elizabeth Street between Cornwall Avenue North and York Avenue to include concrete curb and gutter. It was, at that time brought forward that due to the existence of 2-bolt watermain within these road segments, the disruption that would occur during a road resurfacing would be sufficient to cause numerous watermain breaks along that segment and that the only way to address this road would be to complete a full reconstruction.

The condition and age of the assets were also discussed, and it was noted that the assets within this road segment were in very good to poor condition, but that the road surface was better than seven other road segments in the town, as determined in our 2017 road condition study, and that some of those worse roads were much higher volume roads. The Town did commit in 2017 to complete the survey works for these road segments and that work was completed in the fall of 2018, see attached administration report dated April 2, 2018.

The cost estimate to complete a full reconstruction on these roads, including concrete curb and gutter and asphalt surface for Elizabeth Street and double lift surface treatment and open ditch for York Avenue, including Engineering and the Town's portion of HST is \$1,303,950.00.

The Town of Fort Frances is almost through the detailed update of our Asset Management Plan, which is a requirement for municipal governments under O. Reg 588/17. This plan is the guidance document for the completion and prioritization of road works including reconstruction and lifecycle events. Given the state of our infrastructure and the available funding, the reality is that the "bad roads" will get worse while we focus on the worst roads and start to maintain the better roads properly. Elizabeth Street and York Avenue are just two examples of this reality.

Administration is looking for clear direction on whether to include the reconstruction of Elizabeth Street and York Avenue in the 2019 Capital Budget at an estimated cost of \$1,303,950.00.

Respectfully Submitted



Travis Rob, P.Eng
Manager of Operations and Facilities