

June 5, 2019

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

**RE: 2019/2020 Connecting Link Program – Kings Highway 11/71**

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The Town of Fort Frances has two different sections of Connecting Link Highway dividing at Central Avenue. Under the Connecting Link program, we are eligible to apply annually for funding for each section of highway independently. For the 2019/2020 intake the Town is applying to resurface and widen Kings Highway from Pit Road #1 to Oakwood Road.

On April 11, 2019 the province announced a short intake 2019/2020 Connecting Link program. This road segment is the next most critical road segment to be reconstructed under the Connecting Link program to the west side of town and an application was submitted by the May 31 deadline. The work will consist of design and tendering in 2019, reconstruction of road base and subbase and binder course asphalt in 2020 and surface course paving in 2021 at a total estimated cost of \$3,732,654.45 including engineering, contingency and the Town's portion of HST where the Connecting Link program will fund \$3,000,000.00.

Due to the short window for applications the requirement to have a council resolution to accompany the application was given an extension to June 14, 2019.

The Operations and Facilities Executive Committee recommends that a separate resolution be passed by council supporting the application to the Ministry of Transportation 2019/2020 Connecting Link program for the reconstruction of Kings Highway from Pit Road #1 to Oakwood Road.

Respectfully Submitted



Travis Rob, P.Eng  
Manager of Operations and Facilities

**Council approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that a separate resolution be passed by council supporting the application to the Ministry of Transportation 2019/2020 Connecting Link program for the reconstruction of Kings Highway from Pit Road #1 to Oakwood Road.**