



## **Administrative Report**

### **Office of the Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services**

**To:** Warden McNamara and Members of Essex County Council

**From:** Allan Botham, P.Eng.  
Director, Infrastructure & Planning Services

**Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022

**Subject:** Connecting Link Paving on County Road 20 in the Town of Essex.

**Report #:** 2022-0518-ISD-R15-AB

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#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide County Council with a recommendation to complete milling and paving of a portion of a County Connecting Link by extending the 2022 Rehabilitation program.

#### **Background**

The Town of Essex contacted Administration regarding milling and paving of King Street East in the Community of Harrow, in the Town of Essex. King Street is a designated Connecting Link for County Road 20, therefore owned and operated by the Town of Essex.

The limits of the work are approximately from Walnut Street, easterly to Sunset Drive, and shown in Figure 1.

County Connecting Link projects are very often driven by, and managed by the local municipality as the local Road Authority. It is, however, possible for the County of Essex to partner with, and manage, a basic paving project on behalf of one of our local municipal partners.



**Figure 1 – Project Location**

## **Discussion**

Given that the County of Essex has a contract for similar work immediately to the east of the subject area, and a willing contractor, it is possible and reasonable to extend the contract to include additional work.

Working with local municipalities in this, and similar circumstances, will continue to encourage and strengthen cooperation.

Administration supports and recommends that the County of Essex extend the 2022 Rehabilitation contract with Coco Paving Inc., and invoice the Town of Essex the appropriate share upon completion.

## **Financial Implications**

The total estimated cost of the work is \$211,000 (plus applicable taxes), which includes an amount to account for the expected asphalt escalation costs.

As King Street East is a Connecting Link, the Town of Essex will be responsible for approximately \$74,000 (plus applicable taxes), the County of Essex will be responsible for \$137,000 (plus applicable taxes).

Administration recommends that funding for the subject project will come from the Roadway Expansion Reserve.

## **Consultations**

The subject report was prepared in consultation with the Town of Essex, and the County of Essex Financial Services department.

## **Recommendation**

That Essex County Council receive Report number 2022-0518-ISD-R15-AB, and approve extending the 2022 Rehabilitation program to include a Connecting Link project within the Town of Essex to mill and pave King Street East, from Walnut Street to Sunset Drive, for an estimated cost of \$211,000 (plus applicable taxes);

And further that the County of Essex portion be funded from the Roadway Expansion Reserve;

And further that the approval be dependent on project approval by the Council of the Town of Essex.

## **Approvals**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Concurred With,

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