

# Staff Report

Presented By: Ruhul Amin, Manager, Engineering Services

Meeting Date: August 12, 2024

Subject: Connecting Links Agreement for Goderich Street Resurfacing

Attachment(s): None.

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## **Recommendation**

That Council adopt By-law 62-2024 to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement (2024-25).

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## **Report Summary**

The Town of Saugeen Shores was awarded \$2,691,000 under the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Connecting Links Program to resurface 4.25 km of Goderich Street (Highway 21) from Concession 6 to Concession 10 in Port Elgin. This report recommends authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Connecting Links Contribution Agreement. The agreement and by-law are included in the By-laws section of the Council Agenda.

## **Background/Analysis**

The Town of Saugeen Shores (Town) received the Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement (2024-25) from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, which is to be executed by the Mayor and the Clerk. The agreement is typical for this type of project and no concerns with the provisions are noted.

The Town retained Cobide Engineering (Cobide) for the design and construction supervision services for this project. There was a project team start-up meeting with Cobide on July 4, 2024. The scope of design work anticipated for this project includes the following key elements:

1. Roadworks: Topographic Surveys, intersection layout, curb and gutter, temporary materials, asphalt or other paving materials, medians, driveway crossings, wheelchair letdowns, and traffic calming measures.
2. Innovative Materials: Explore and identify any additive or materials that will increase the integrity and durability of the road structure such as Reinforced Composite Asphalt subject to available contractors capable to use this kind of technologies.
3. Stormwater review and improvements.

4. Conventional drainage: catch basins, maintenance holes, connections.
5. Town and Third-Party Utilities: utility relocations (as necessary), coordination.
6. Signage plan: regulatory, parking, warning, information, wayfinding (Consultant to review traffic control for all intersections and provide recommendations if any improvements are needed), etc.
7. Review, develop, and implement Port Elgin Downtown Parking Study recommendations in the downtown area.
8. Pavement marking plan: lane markings, stop bars, crosswalks, bicycle legends, etc.
9. Review and develop options for bike lanes on Goderich Street.

### **Public Information:**

The Consultant will be leading a public information program with community partners, businesses, and the general public using a variety of methods.

### **Construction Timing:**

Construction is planned to take place this fall and in spring of next year to avoid the busiest parts of the tourism season.

### **Linkages**

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 1: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Community
- Business Plan Alignment: Development Services Division Highlight

### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding**

Cost associated with this program are contained within the existing 2024 Engineering Services Capital Budget.

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