

Engineering and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 9
Date: June 5, 2023
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Location: Zoom

Members Present **Deputy Mayor Gosse**
 Councillor Tilley
 Councillor Connors
 Councillor Butler
 Councillor Hardy

Staff Present **Jennifer Norris, Director of Engineering and Public Works**
 John McKeever, Engineering Manager
 Brian Crawley, Chief Administrative Officer

1. Procurement

1.a Standing Offer Agreement 23-01 Supply of 4" Minus Rock

Standing Offer Agreement 23-01 Supply of 4" Minus Rock closed May 15, 2023. Four bids (HST included) were received as noted.

Priority will be given to the vendor with the lowest price and earliest date of availability with an agreement for continued purchase at the quoted price, as and when required, over the specified period of time. More than one (1) Standing Offer Agreement may be established to ensure continuity of supply.

The low bid price is approximately 17% increase from 2022.

- Weirs Construction Limited \$12.94 per ton
- Farrells Excavation Limited \$14.66 per ton

- Eric Taylor Limited \$16.03 per ton
- Modern Paving Limited \$17.83 per ton

1.b Standing Offer Agreement 23-02 Supply of Class A

Standing Offer Agreement 23-02 Supply of Class A Granulars closed May 15, 2023. Four bids (HST included) were received as noted.

Priority will be given to the vendor with the lowest price and earliest date of availability with an agreement for continued purchase at the quoted price, as and when required, over the specified period of time. More than one (1) Standing Offer Agreement may be established to ensure continuity of supply.

The low bid price is approximately 20% increase from 2022.

- Weirs Construction Limited \$15.24 per ton
- Farrells Excavation Limited \$17.19 per ton
- Eric Taylor Limited \$19.41 per ton
- Modern Paving Limited \$20.70 per ton

1.c Standing Offer Agreement 23-03 Supply of Class B

Standing Offer Agreement 23-03 Supply of Class B closed May 15, 2023. Four bids (HST included) were received as noted.

Priority will be given to the vendor with the lowest price and earliest date of availability with an agreement for continued purchase at the quoted price, as and when required, over the specified period of time. More than one (1) Standing Offer Agreement may be established to ensure continuity of supply.

The low bid price is approximately 7% increase from 2022.

- Weirs Construction Limited \$14.66 per ton
- Farrells Excavation Limited \$16.62 per ton
- Eric Taylor Limited \$18.58 per ton
- Modern Paving Limited \$20.13 per ton

1.d Standing Offer Agreement 23-04 Supply of Asphalt

Standing Offer Agreement 23-04 Supply of Asphalt closed May 15, 2023. Four bids (HST included) were received as noted.

Priority will be given to the vendor with the lowest price and earliest date of availability with an agreement for continued purchase at the quoted price, as and when required, over the specified period of time. More than one (1) Standing Offer Agreement may be established to ensure continuity of supply.

The low bid price is approximately 7% lower than 2022, but 40% higher than 2021. Weirs Construction has often not been able to meet the availability for the Town, and second lowest bidder was engaged.

- Weirs Construction Limited \$159.85 per ton
- Municipal Construction \$172.50 per ton
- Farrells Excavation Limited \$193.20 per ton
- Modern Paving Limited \$ 218.50 per ton

1.e Approval to Tender - Water & Sewer Upgrades - Transmission Main

Tender documents are completed and ready for distribution to the qualified contractors. The pre-tender estimate is \$2.7M, however, the available funds is approximately \$1.7M.

The Committee reviewed all funds available for 2023 projects and agreed to proceed to tender and will utilize Gas Tax funds for any budget deficits, depending on tender results.

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that approval be given to proceed to tender for Water & Sewer Upgrades - Transmission Main Replacement.

1.f 2023 Street Upgrading, Paving and Sidewalk Tender

Tenders closed May 25, 2023 with three (3) bids. All bids are compliant.

Pre-tender estimates were approximately \$4.3M.

- Weirs Construction \$5,401,544.02 HST included

- Farrells Excavation \$6,181,561.65 HST included
- Modern Paving \$6,374,608.70 HST included

A detailed review of project options and the Town's financial position for capital projects was reviewed. Concerns regarding construction market pricing and project tenders remaining in 2023 was discussed. It was the consensus of the Committee to cancel the existing Tender and re-Tender with a significant project scope reduction that aligns with the remaining MYCW funds available. The sidewalk portion of the project remains unchanged.

Recommendation:

Be it so resolved that approval be given to cancel Tender 2023 Street Upgrading, Paving and Sidewalks that closed May 25, 2023 as tendering resulted in bids significantly higher than the project funding available.

AND FURTHER:

Be it so resolved that approval be given to call a re-Tender of 2023 Street Upgrading, Paving and Sidewalks with a reduced work scope that aligns with available funding.

2. Department Report

An update on recent accomplishments, upcoming initiatives and potential issues was provided to the Committee.

2.a Capital Project Update

An update on Capital Projects was provided to the Committee.

Councillor Hillier entered the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

2.b Water Statistics Update

The Committee was provided an update on the latest water statistics.

Councillor Connors exited the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

3. Other Department Items

3.a Dunns Hill Road Intersection Pilot - Assessment

The results of the public survey and traffic consultants assessment is completed for review and discussion.

In summary, the traffic consultant recommends continuing the pilot project permanently, at a minimum, although augmented from the original recommendations in the Integrated Transportation Plan. Additional speed and video assessment is also recommended before installation of permanent infrastructure.

The public survey had the most feedback of any public survey the Town has had of this nature with over 700 submissions. Results were mixed but when reviewed in detail, the public is in favour of intersection changes similar to that of the pilot project coordinated with upgrades completed on roads where traffic is now diverted due the turning restrictions.

It was a consensus of the Committee to continue the discussion at Committee of the Whole.

3.b Name a Waste Truck Contest

As part of National Public Works Week, Grade 4 classes within the Community were provided an opportunity to name a waste truck.

This item is deferred to the next Committee meeting.

3.c Long Pond Coastal Assessment Award

CBCL received an Engineering Excellence award from ACEC-NL for the Long Pond Coastal Assessment completed last Fall. CBCL will forward a plaque to the Town in the coming weeks.

3.d Regional Water Services - Meeting

Regional Water Services have requested a meeting to review a draft service agreement. The meeting is scheduled for mid June, and the Director of Finance will be in attendance.

An update will be provided to Council following the meeting.

3.e Peacekeepers Way - Closure

Transportation and Infrastructure advised they will be completing culvert upgrades east of the Red Bridge Road overpass, along Peacekeepers Way. They are preparing the tender package and advised the highway is anticipated to be closed for 7 days.

Work is to be completed later this summer.

3.f Foxtrap Harbour Authority

The Committee discussed property boundaries of the Foxtrap Harbour Authority and Delaneys Road right-of way. The existing memorandums between the Town and the Authority were also reviewed.

Councillor Hillier left the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

4. Engineering and Public Works Committee Meeting

Be it so resolved that the recommendations and decisions of the Engineering and Public Works Committee held on June 5 2023 be accepted as presented.

- Standing Offer Agreement 23-01, 02, 03, 04
- Department Report
- Capital Project Update
- Water Statistics Update
- Dunns Hill Road Intersection Pilot Assessment
- Long Pond Coastal Assessment Award
- Regional Water Services - Upcoming Meeting
- Peacekeepers Way - Upcoming Construction
- Foxtrap Harbour Authority

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Councillor Melissa Hardy, Chair

Jennifer Norris, Director of
Engineering and Public Works