



Memorandum

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TO: Members of Council
FROM: Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
DATE: Friday, July 16, 2021
SUBJECT: **New Business**
Committee of the Whole – July 19, 2021

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

New Business

1. Contract 15, 2021 - Island Drive: Resurfacing and Waterfront Trail

Report R 105/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations) relative to the above noted. **(Distributed separately on Friday, July 16, 2021)**

2. Transit Services

Memorandum from Mr. B. Loroff, Manager – Transit Services dated July 13, 2021 relative to the above noted, for information. **(Distributed separately on Friday, July 16, 2021)**

Corporate Report

DEPARTMENT/ DIVISION	Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations	REPORT NO.	R 105/2021
DATE PREPARED	7/13/2021	FILE NO.	
MEETING DATE	7/19/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy)		
SUBJECT	Contract 15, 2021 - Island Drive: Resurfacing and Waterfront Trail		

RECOMMENDATION

WITH RESPECT to Report R 105/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations - Engineering & Operations), we recommend that Contract 15, 2021 – Island Drive: Resurfacing and Waterfront Trail be awarded to Bruno’s Contracting Ltd., who submitted the lowest tender in the amount of \$666,757.07 [inclusive of HST]; it being noted that the amount shown is based on estimated quantities; final payment for this contract will be based on measured quantities for the completed work;

AND THAT the General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations report any circumstances to City Council should significant variation in the contract quantities occur;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all documentation related to these matters;

AND THAT any necessary bylaws be presented to City Council for ratification.

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This report directly supports the 2019-2022 Corporate Strategic Plan goal to develop the Waterfront Trail. It also supports the ‘Grow’ pillar: Focus on city building and social infrastructure to strengthen our economy, lifestyle and well-being.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends Contract No. 15, 2021 for Island Drive: Resurfacing and Waterfront Trail, be awarded to the lowest bidder, Bruno’s Contracting. The 2021 Capital Budget includes funding for this work in conjunction with ICIP COVID Resilience funding.

DISCUSSION

As a result of the call for tenders, five (5) responses as listed below were received for Contract 15, 2021 – Island Drive: Resurfacing and Waterfront Trail. The tendered costs include the applicable HST. The bids have been checked for mathematical errors and the corrections noted.

Contractor	Tender Opening Bid	Corrected Bid
Bruno’s Contracting	\$666,757.07	
Taranis Contracting Group	\$673,715.72	
P.N.I. Contracting	\$775,022.65	
Bay City Contractors	\$800,429.85	
Pioneer Construction	\$870,365.75	

The pretender estimate for the work on this contract was \$785,000.00.

Under this contract, asphalt rehabilitation will be completed on Island Drive from the Neebing – McIntyre Floodway to Main Street. The work will involve removing the existing asphalt pavement, and placing two new layers of asphalt pavement. Improvements to road drainage, street lighting, and two railway road crossings within the limits are also part of the planned work.

In addition, a section of the Waterfront Trail network will be built with this project. A new widened paved shoulder will be constructed on the east side of Island Drive from the floodway to Main Street to support a bi-directional multi-use trail.

Bruno’s Contracting submitted the lowest tender for this contract. Bruno’s has previously completed similar work for the City. Administration recommends this firm is qualified to undertake the work.

The work is expected to start following award and continue until the scheduled completion at the end of October.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The 2021 Capital Budget in conjunction with ICIP COVID Resilience will provide the required funds for rehabilitation of the road and construction of a widening for the Waterfront trail.

The work in this contract falls within the available budget allocation.

Projected Costs	Breakdown
Contract Tender price	\$666,757.07
HST Rebate	(\$66,321.68)
Subtotal:	\$600,435.39
Engineering	\$50,000.00
Other City Labour & Material	\$95,000.00
TOTAL:	\$745,435.39

This contract includes a contingency allowance for work that is unforeseen and can only be expended with the approval of the General Manager of Infrastructure and Operations.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that Contract 15, 2021 – Island Drive: Resurfacing and Waterfront Trail be awarded to the low bidder Bruno’s Contracting Ltd. and that all work should proceed.

BACKGROUND

Infrastructure and Operations Department asset management plan incorporates a pavement management system developed in 2000 which is used as a tool to help Administration prioritize roadwork.

Report 178/2016 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering & Operations) presented a summary of the proposed Waterfront Trail scope and alignment for Council’s approval and indicated additional funding would be required to implement the plan.

Possible Waterfront Trail Implementation 2021 Memorandum – Dec 7, 2020 COW provided a list of sections of trail that could be completed in 2021.

Report 75/2021 (Infrastructure & Operations – Engineering & Operations) provided an update on the Waterfront Trail Long Term Plan including revised cost estimates and establishing short to long term staging.

REFERENCE MATERIAL ATTACHED:

NOT APPLICABLE

PREPARED BY: MATTHEW MIEDEMA, P. ENG., PROJECT ENGINEER

THIS REPORT SIGNED AND VERIFIED BY: (NAME OF GENERAL MANAGER)	DATE:
Michelle Warywoda, (Acting GM – Infrastructure & Operations)	July 15, 2021

Memorandum

TO: Dana Earle, Deputy City Clerk
FROM: Brad Loroff, Manager Transit Services Division
DATE: July 13, 2021
SUBJECT: Transit Fare Strategy Update
New Business – Committee of the Whole – July 19, 2021

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide Members of Council with information on a new and updated Fare Strategy/User Fee Model for the Transit Services Division and to introduce potential alignment opportunities with a new User Fee Model that is also under development for the Recreation & Culture Division.

At the March 8, 2021 COW meeting, Council passed a motion which recommended that as part of a 2021 Transit Fare Strategy Review, Administration:

- Include options relating to three alternative strategies; fare free program options for demographic populations based on need (ex. seniors or low income earners), time specific free or fare discounted times and an affordable monthly bus pass program.
- Consult with the following stakeholders; District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB), Lakehead Social Planning Council (LSPC) and Poverty Free Thunder Bay (PFTB).

Initial stakeholder consultation has taken place with key staff from DSSAB and the LSPC and has identified that in order to support effective and informed decision making, more comprehensive work is required prior to completing consultations with DSSAB, LSPC and PFTB and before finalizing options for Council consideration.

Under a separate project, the Recreation & Culture Division has also been working towards developing a new User Fee Model for the various programs and services which they provide. That work to date also acknowledges the importance of including user fee options that address potential barriers to access to Recreation & Culture services due to income limitations.

Administration has recognized some common objectives and opportunities through working collaboratively together and is taking a forward-looking approach to develop possible solutions that may provide greater community benefit as to how low income residents might access transit and recreation & culture services in the future. There are existing examples of

collaborative programs like this functioning successfully in some other municipalities. For example, the City of Edmonton offers a Leisure Access Program (LAP) that allows eligible low-income Edmontonians access to participating City of Edmonton recreation facilities through an annual pass or a subsidized monthly pass. They also offer a Ride Transit Program that provides greater access to Edmonton Transit Service by reducing financial barriers for individuals and families which provides Adult and Youth monthly passes to eligible low income Edmontonians at a subsidized rate. When residents submit an application for the Leisure Access Program, they are automatically considered for the Ride Transit Program at the same time. This collaborative approach of two separate municipal subsidized service programs working in concert together creates a much easier process for qualified applicants to gain access to both municipal recreation and transit services. This approach also benefits the municipality and creates much more efficient processes, particularly with respect to the management of applications, qualifications and program administration.

Transit Services and Recreation & Culture will continue to work collaboratively towards completing stakeholder consultations, developing amended User Fee Model options for each respective Division and reporting back to Council. An update will be provided to Council on or before September 30, 2021 with final Fare Strategy/User Fee Models presented on or before December 31, 2021 in advance of the 2022 Operating Budget.

Regards,

Brad Loroff

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Leah Prentice, Director Recreation & Culture