



## TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

**Committee:** Administration and Operations

**Date:** February 13, 2023

**Department:** Operations

**Topic:** Ferguson Drain Maintenance Tender

**Purpose:** To Award the Ferguson Drain Maintenance Work

**Background:** The Ferguson Municipal Drain was originally constructed in 1982 under direction of a Drainage Engineers report. Between the time of construction until the present day, five of the properties identified in the original assessment have since been severed into smaller parcels.

In late 2021, a reassessment of benefiting properties along the Ferguson Drain was undertaken by the Township's Drainage Superintendent. Letters were sent to affected property owners and a public meeting was held March 9, 2022.

On August 5, 2022, a tender to undertake maintenance on the Ferguson Drain south of Dobbie Rd., (close to the boundary with South Dundas), was issued by The Greer Galloway Group Engineering, (GGG), on behalf of the Township. The work involves the replacement of two 1600mm (approx. 63") culverts, ditching, grubbing and brushing approximately 14m of the drain. It has a provisional line item for the removal of one tree if necessary. The Drainage Superintendent had originally estimated the cost at \$29,350.00 plus HST. The Tender closed August 23, 2022 with the lowest bid at \$47,500.00 plus applicable HST. The difference in the estimate and actual bid was attributed to a sharp increase in inflation early in 2022 and the limited availability of labour in the construction industry. The tender was cancelled and Greer Galloway sent letters of explanation to the affected property owners.

A new tender was issued on January 16, 2023 and closed January 31<sup>st</sup>. The results of the public tender opening at the Township Office in order of receipt were as follows:

<u>Bidders</u>		<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Total Tender</u>
1	Neptune Securities	\$232,000.00	\$ 262,160.00
2	Goldie More Ltd.	\$28,200.00	\$ 31,866.00
3	W.H. MacSweyn Inc.	\$47,900.00	\$ 54,127.00
4	In-Depth Construction Ltd.	\$89,000.00	\$ 100,570.00
5	Willis Kerr Contracting Ltd.	\$25,713.00	\$ 29,055.69
6	TDM Excavation Service	\$41,500.00	\$ 46,895.00
7	AARD Construction	\$35,305.00	\$ 39,894.65

The bids were reviewed by staff and Greer Galloway Group Engineering. A review summary and recommendation by GGG is attached for Councils review.

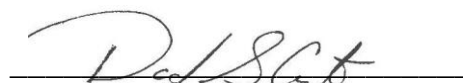
**Policy Implications:** As per section 65(1) of the Drainage Act, reapportionment of the assessment for the municipal drain has been completed by an Engineer for the properties subject to severance.

**Financial Considerations:** Under the Drainage Act, the costs associated for maintenance and repairs of a municipal drain are the responsibility of the upstream beneficiaries. There is no cost applied to the Township.

**Recommendation:** That Committee recommends that Council award the Ferguson Municipal Drain Culvert Replacement Tender No. EC-PW-MunDr-23-01 to Willis Kerr Contracting Ltd. for the sum of \$25,713.00 + non rebated HST and direct staff to bill the upstream beneficiaries of the maintenance for the work as stipulated in the Drainage Act.



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