



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

Committee: Regular Council Meeting

Date: April 29, 2025

Department: Environmental Services

Topic: Tender Award: Spencerville Station # 1 upgrades.

Purpose: To award the Spencerville Pumping Station # 1 upgrade project.

Background: On December 9, 2024, Council approved the Spencerville Pumping Station #1 upgrade project to a maximum budget of \$250,000. Nova Tech has been contracted to oversee the engineering and contract administration for this project. The scope of work includes the replacement of the pumps, panel, rail systems, electrical upgrades and sanitary bypass. This project is necessary to replace aging equipment, reduce the frequency of confined space entries and overflow events. On November 8, 2024, Nova Tech provided a cost estimate of \$ 206,641.50 to complete this project.

Nova Tech issued an RFQ on February 20, 2025 with a closing date of March 18, 2025. Invitations were sent to 10 qualified firms and placed on the Township website. Four firms attended an onsite meeting on February 27 and March 3, 2025. Two qualified firms submitted proposals. One of the two submissions was found to have a major bid irregularity (not signed by an authorized official) resulting in an automatic rejection. This was confirmed by legal counsel. Below is a summary of submissions and tendered pricing received before the March 18 deadline.

	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Tender</u>
1	Eastern Welding**	\$387,500.00
2	Louis W. Bray Construction Limited	\$448,469.00

**Major bid irregularity.

Nova Tech, staff and legal reviewed the tender submissions. The discrepancies between Nova Tech's cost estimate and actuals can be attributed to the sanitary main bypass, cost of the pump/panels and electrical work. Flygt pumps are manufactured in Sweden and the pump panel is fabricated in Ottawa.

Policy Implications: By-law 2023-51 establishes policies with respect to the procurement of goods and services. Expenditures above \$75,000 require approval of Council and schedule C outlines bid irregularities and the required action to be taken.

The anticipated completion date for this project, if awarded, is October 15, 2025.

Strategic Plan Implications: This project aligns with section 4.4 of the strategic plan, maintaining good infrastructure within Edwardsburgh/Cardinal.

Financial Considerations: The bid submitted from Louis W. Bray Construction Limited is \$198,469.00 above the \$250,000.00 estimated construction cost. The current balance in the Spencerville Wastewater Reserve Fund is \$ 272,162.29.

Option 1: Award project to Louis W. Bray Construction at a total tender cost of \$448,469.00 plus non-rebated HST and direct staff to present project funding options at the May Administration & Operations meeting.

Option 2: Cancel the project in 2025 based on financial impact. This choice would be high-risk given the importance of the project to operator safety and overall system functionality.

Recommendation: That Municipal Council award the project to Louis W. Bray Construction at a total tender cost of \$448,469 plus non-rebated HST and direct staff to execute the required documents and present project funding options at the May Administration & Operations meeting.



Chief Water/Sewer Operator



Director of Operations