



Municipality of Port Hope

Staff Report

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Report Title: Hamilton Road Upgrades

Report to: Works & Engineering Committee

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Department responsible:

Works & Engineering

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Recommendation:

That a resolution be presented to Council to reallocate funds from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund for the Hamilton Road paving and drainage improvement project.

Highlights:

- Hamilton Township has awarded the contract for the Hamilton Road Paving and Drainage Improvement project to Dekeyser Excavating.
- Required to reallocate \$26,291.23 from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to cover the cost of the project.

Background:

Hamilton Road is located at Port Hope's easterly limits and is a boundary road between Port Hope and Hamilton Township. Per the boundary road agreement, Port Hope performs any general maintenance to Hamilton Road with any capital costs being shared equally between Port Hope and Hamilton Township.

During the 2022 capital budget deliberations the northerly 2km rural section between Telephone Rd and Dale Rd was identified for rehabilitation with an upgraded surface to asphalt. This was approved by council in the amount of \$450,000 with Port Hope's shared cost being \$225,000.

Discussion:

Hamilton Township issued tender PW2020-03 which included paving multiple roads within Hamilton Township, and it included the proposed work on Hamilton Road. Three bids were received that met the criteria specified in the tender. The low bid was submitted by Dekeyser Excavating Ltd. with the Hamilton Road portion of the bid in the amount of \$502,582.46 net HST. This submission is \$52,582.46 over the approved capital budget with Port Hope's equal share of the overage being \$26,291.23.

Hamilton Township Council has approved funding for their portion of this project and has awarded the contract to Dekeyser Excavating Ltd.

Financial Considerations:

The financial implications of this project totals \$502,582.46. The 2022 budget included a total of \$450,000, of which, \$225,000 is funded by Hamilton Township. As a result of supply chain challenges, rising fuel prices, and rising inflation, the low bid to complete the Hamilton Road project requires an additional \$52,582.46, of which Port Hope is required to fund half in the amount of \$26,291.23.

It is recommended that the OCIF be utilized to cover the additional cost. OCIF is a Provincial program that provides formula-based funding for small, rural and northern communities to develop and renew their infrastructure. Capital expenditures on core infrastructure projects are eligible expenses. Sufficient funds are available in the OCIF reserve to accommodate the additional funding requirement.

Communication and Public Engagement:

Not applicable.

Conclusion:

The Works and Engineering Department, Transportation Division supports the award of Contract PW2020-03 to Dekeyser Excavating LTD, and, that funds be reallocated to this project from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

Attachments:

None.