



Municipality of Port Hope

Staff Report

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Report Title: Contract No. 25T-ENG-2022
Walton Street Reconstruction – Phase 1

Report to: Works & Engineering Committee

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Works & Engineering

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Recommendation:

- 1) That a resolution be presented to Council to award Contract No. 25T-ENG-2022 for the first phase of the Walton Street Reconstruction project to Dekeyser Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$1,883,928.64 (net HST) with the project funds to be drawn from the approved 2022 Capital budget; and
- 2) That a by-law be presented to Council to authorize execution of an agreement with Dekeyser Excavating Ltd. for the first phase of the Walton Street Reconstruction project.

Highlights:

- Phase 1 of the Walton Street Reconstruction project is ready to be awarded and is within budget
- Later phase of project will be presented for consideration in an update in the near future

Background:

As part of the 2020 budget, Council approved \$395,000.00 for the Environmental Assessment and Design of Walton Street from Mill Street to Church Street (Phase 1). Following initial public consultation, and a presentation of the results to the Works and Engineering Committee in July 2021, Resolution 47-2021 was passed by Council that provided direction to staff to complete the detailed design based on the preliminary design and public input received to date for the portion of Walton Street from Church Street to Pine Street. In addition, staff were to develop a plan for, and commence additional public and stakeholder engagement prior to moving forward with the next phase of the project being the detailed design for Walton Street from Pine Street to Mill Street.

Discussion:

The Tender for Contract No. 02T-ENG-2020 for Phase 1 of the Walton Street Reconstruction Project closed on March 30, 2022. Four bids were received, and the prices were as follows:

- 1) Dekeyser Excavating Ltd. \$1,833,928.64
- 2) Behan Construction Limited \$2,056,186.95
- 3) 1356594 Ontario Ltd. O/A Eagleson Construction \$2,838,629.23
- 4) Elirpa Construction and Materials Ltd. \$3,750,567.85

*All prices include net HST

Staff have reviewed the bids and confirmed the bid value and all references. The bid is believed to be a competitive price and staff recommend awarding the project to Dekeyser Excavating Ltd.

Phase 1 of the Walton Street Reconstruction project involves the reconstruction of approximately 350m of Walton Street from Pine Street to Church Street. Work will include but not be limited to removals, new asphalt, concrete curb, concrete sidewalk, watermain, sanitary and storm sewer and tree planting within the residential section of Walton Street. A subsequent report is planned to be brought back to Council later this year to review the outcomes of the additional public consultation that was done related to the downtown core in order to prepare for the next Phase of the reconstruction project.

Financial Considerations:

The approved 2022 Capital budget for this project totals \$2,177,000.00 and is sufficient to cover the expected costs. Following the award to Dekeyser Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$1,883,928.64 (net HST) a portion of the remaining funds will be utilized for contract administration, geotechnical quality control, and for any contingencies associated with the Walton Street Reconstruction project.

Communication and Public Engagement:

Staff in the communications division have been engaged and a communications plan for phase one of the Walton Street Reconstruction Project is in development. The plan will address construction activities, including road closures, detour routes, and speeding and safety in construction zones. It also provides messaging for tourism activities – reminding motorists that the downtown remains open during the construction. The plan will be executed via social media, on-street signage, public notices on the website, Council updates and the Mayor's regular updates to the media.

Phase 1 of the project is contained to the residential area of Walton Street. Future communications efforts will focus heavily on addressing any impacts to the business community as the project extends into a future phase in the downtown core. The business community, including the HBIA and the Chamber, will be included extensively throughout future communication efforts as the project continues.

Conclusion:

Phase 1 of the Walton Street reconstruction is ready to be awarded and the Works and Engineering Department recommends awarding the work between Church Street and Pine Street to Dekeyser Excavating Ltd.

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Draft By-law