# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

**Subject:** Queen Street Bridge Tender

**Report Number:** Public Works-2020-06

**Meeting Date:Monday, March 2, 2020**

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**Recommendation: THAT Council award the contract to Finnbilt General Contracting Limited for the reduced tender sum of $2,645,989.38 including the non-refundable portion of HST, and further that Council grant staff authority to negotiate under Policy GG 2.17, Section 17.4 as required.**

**Date to be considered by Council:** Monday, March 2, 2020

**Report Summary:**

Council is being asked to award the tender for the Queen Street Bridge Reconstruction Contract No. BR236B to the lone bidder Finnbilt General Contracting Limited for a reduced tender sum of $2,645,989.38 including the non-refundable portion of HST and further that Council grant staff authority to negotiate under Policy GG 2.17, Section 17.4 as required in order to stay within the approved finance amounts. The tender was prepared and reviewed by BMROSS.

**Origin:** 2020 Capital Budget

**Existing Policy:** GG 2.17 - Purchasing and Procurement Policy

**Background/Analysis:**

The Queen Street bridge was approved as part of the 2020 Capital Budget. The planned work to the bridge includes removal and replacement of the concrete parapet wall and sidewalks, deck top repairs, beam repairs, replacement of the leaking expansion joints, followed by waterproofing and paving the bridge deck. As part of the bridge repairs, the existing gabion basket retaining walls are to be protected with large diameter stone.

The project also includes replacement of watermain hanging from the bridge and on the approaches to the bridge, new curb and gutter, new sidewalk, new storm water structures and the installation of new light poles.

The tender closed and submissions were opened Wednesday, February 19, 2020. There were 9 plan takers however only one bid received. The lone bidder was Finnbilt General Contracting Limited for a tender amount of $3,250,221.93 (including the non-refundable portion of HST). The bid amount exceeds the approved budget amount of $2,750,000.

The tender amount included a total of $749,654.29 plus HST of provisional items and contingency allowances. BMROSS has reviewed the tender and has suggested a reduction in the provisional items, contingency allowances, and other items, with a revised anticipated total construction cost of $2,645,989.38 including the non-refundable portion of HST.

Informal discussions with Finnbilt also suggested that deliberations may identify other potential sources of savings in various areas and further savings may be realized in coordination with future consultation with sub-contractors to identify such areas.

Due to the desire to have construction start April 1st in order to be ahead of the breeding bird window; staff suggest Council award the contract to Finnbilt and further that as only one bid was received Council grant staff the ability to negotiate with the contractor as per section 17.4 of Policy GG.2.17 as required to ensure the project stays within the approved financial amount.

As only one bid was received consideration to reject the tender was contemplated with retendering to take place for 2021 work; however, with the options suggested and the recent success of the Connaught Pumping station, Municipal Staff and BMROSS are of the opinion that Finnbilt has the capability of bringing the project to successful completion, within budget, and by a target date of mid-September, 2020 for the re-opening of Queen St.

The anticipated engineering cost for this project is $266,000 plus HST. The total available budget for the project is $2,898,0000 which includes a project carry forward amount of $148,000 from 2019 for engineering.

**Community Plan and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) Considerations:** Public Works Initiative No. 4 “dedicate future financial resources to manage our existing infrastructure obligations.”

**Financial Implications:** The 2020 capital budget includes $2,750,000 for this project, with an additional $148,000 carried forward from 2019 for unspent engineering costs, for a combined total of $2,898,000.

**Attachments: None**