



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KINCARDINE

Subject: Kincardine Inverhuron Provincial Park (KIPP) Trail Construction Proposal

Report Number: Public Works-2020-10

Meeting Date: Monday, April 6, 2020

Recommendation: THAT Council approve staff to utilize section 17 “Negotiated Purchases” of policy GG.2.17 to hire AECON to construct the KIPP trail in line with the gas project at their quoted price of 1,217,052.66 (including applicable taxes) should funding from the ICIP grant be successful.

Date to be considered by Council: Monday, April 6, 2020

Report Summary:

The 2020 Capital Budget includes the KIPP Trail construction project. An application for funding through the ICIP: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream grant was made to assist with the project funding, results are expected late spring/early fall. Municipal staff have been met with staff from EPCOR and AECON to discuss possible synergies with the trail and the installation of the new gas pipeline. This report details the results of the meetings and possible opportunity to construct the trail in conjunction with the pipeline.

Origin: 2020 Capital Budget

Existing Policy: Purchasing and Procurement Policy No. GG.2.17

Background/Analysis:

As part of the 2020 Capital Budget \$1.4 million has been included for the construction of the KIPP Trail. Through fundraising efforts over the last number of years the Trails Committee has in reserves over \$500,000 towards the project. The Municipality has applied for the ICIP: Community, Culture and Recreation Stream grant to fund the remainder of the project. The results of the application are expected late spring/early summer.

With respect to the KIPP trail, EPCOR and the Municipality have been in conversation regarding possible synergies related to their gas project and our

KIPP trail plans. EPCOR has hired AECON to complete the installation of the gas main which shares the same corridor as the proposed trail in several locations. Construction of the gas line is scheduled to begin in May with completion by September.

Due to obligations under the construction act to separate contractors/projects, uncertainty of which party is responsible for any correction of deficiencies that may arise, inability to commence any work until post gas installation along with possible cost savings, it was agreed that there was merit to explore having AECON construct the trail while on-site constructing the gas transmission lines. Staff met with representatives of both EPCOR and AECON and all agreed that it made sense for construction of the trail to take place in conjunction with the pipeline.

A quote was received from AECON to construct the trail in the amount of \$1,217,052.66 (including applicable taxes). BM Ross and Associates have reviewed the quote and determined that the amount as quoted is fair.

The County has previously committed to \$70,000 for in-kind work for culvert extensions, slope work, etc.

Staff is requesting that due to this unique opportunity, that should funding from the ICIP grant be successful, Council approve staff the ability to forgo the tendering process and utilize section 17 “Negotiated Purchases” of policy GG.2.17, to hire AECON to construct the trail together with the gas project at their quoted price.

Staff cautions that should Council not be favorable to the policy exemption, this will delay the project into late fall or possibly spring 2021 due to the length of the tendering process to find a new contractor and the fact that only one contractor can occupy a work site at a time. Along with the delayed time frame, costs may increase significantly given that the work will need to be done after the pipeline is complete, a full time EPCOR staff member would have to be on site due to the energized main and the need to excavate to expose the pipe.

Community Plan and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

Considerations: Promote an active and healthy lifestyle for all ages and to support safe, active and accessible transportation for all ages.

Financial Implications: Costs are included in 2020 Capital budget but are contingent on the successful ICIP grant application.

Attachments: N/A