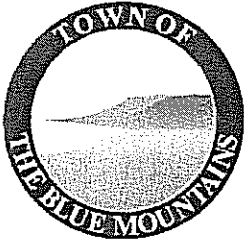


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STAFF REPORT: **Engineering & Public Works Department**



REPORT TO: **Engineering and Public Works
Committee**

MEETING DATE: **August 12, 2008**

REPORT NO.: **EPW.08.98**

SUBJECT: **Tender for Haulage of Liquid
Bio-Solids TBM-2008-27**

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A. Recommendations

THAT Council not award the Tender TBM-2008-27 for The Haulage of Liquid Bio-solids, due to a lack of information received by the Town in the Tender submissions and;

THAT Council approve staff extending their contract with Barrette Disposal to facilitate the necessary removal of bio-solids from the Craigeith Wastewater Plant this year at an approximate value of \$40,000.00 and;

FURTHER THAT Council approve staff to prepare a tender recall for early in 2009, as outlined in Report EPW.08.98.

B. Background

TBM-2008-27, Tender for the Haulage of Bio-Solids was issued July 16, 2008, with advertisements placed in two local papers, on the Town's website and the OPBA website. The tender closed on August 5, 2008 with bid submissions received from three companies. The three tenders were opened at a public opening at 2:30 on the same day as follows:

Wessuc Inc.
ROHES Ltd.
Barrette Disposal

All three tender submissions were reviewed by Town staff of the Wastewater Operations Group and the Manager of Purchasing. Following the tender closing and upon investigation of the tender responses received, it was determined that there is not enough information provided in any of the tender submissions to determine the exact location of the MOE approved sites where bio-solids would be hauled to. The location is the key to determining the costs for trucking the bio-solids, which was a component of the vendor tender responses. Without this information, staff cannot adequately evaluate the financial costs, and therefore the impact on the budget, cannot be determined.

In essence the bid process is frustrated due to variations in the submissions received by all three bidders, as was revealed after the tender closing and upon investigation of information received from the bidders regarding the disposal sites and the Ministry of the Environment Certificate of Approvals.

Staff will review the issues of the present tender call and formulate a new tender call dealing with the issues that have been revealed in this very diverse and unique marketplace. The new tender call will be issued early in 2009, with Invitations to bid to be sent to all bidders who responded the present tender call.

There is an immediate requirement to haul the bio-solids to approved sites prior to the end of September. At this time, Staff is recommending extending the Town contract with Barrette Disposal to meet the short term requirements of applying the bio-solids for 2008.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

This Report furthers the Strategic Plan Goal #2 "addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs".

D. Environmental Impacts

The disposal of bio-solids from Craighleith Wastewater Treatment Plant is hauled to MOE approved sites. There is a strict requirement to have regard for water courses and wetlands in applying sludge to adjacent fields. The sludge is a fertilizer that farmers utilize to enhance crop growth.

E. Budget Impact

There will be a slight increase in the budget to extend the Barrette Contract.

Price per m3 for disposal	Price per Km, for trucking
2007 - \$7.90	\$2.00
2008 - \$8.00	\$2.10

The total amount of sludge hauled is approximately 3500 m3.
The final amount will be determined by negotiation with Barrette.

F. Attached

No attachments.

Respectfully submitted,

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