

STAFF REPORT: Recreation Department



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: May 6, 2013
REPORT NO.: DOR 13 25
SUBJECT: Cancellation of Award for the Thornbury Municipal Harbour Basin Dredging
PREPARED BY: Ryan Gibbons, Harbour/Cemetery Manager on behalf of TPAC

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.13.25 “Cancellation of Award for the Thornbury Municipal Harbour Dredging” for information purposes;

AND THAT Council approve Staff to enter into negotiations as per the Town’s purchasing procedures with Huron District Contracting in order to complete the dredging project as previously tendered at a later date in 2013;

B. Background

On February 11, 2013, Council approved Staff Report DOR.13.06 “Water Levels Affecting Thornbury Harbour”. Council authorized staff to issue a Tender for dredging services for the Thornbury Harbour Basin.

The tender was issued on February 27, 2013 and closed on March 14 with tenders being received from 4 bidders. On March 25th, 2013 Council approved the Tender award to Huron District Contracting in the amount of \$197,500.

Below is a summary of the tender results that were read out at a public opening of tenders immediately following the closing time:

BIDDER	TENDER PRICE (EXCLUDING HST)
Huron District Contracting	\$197,500.00
The Ontario Construction Co.	\$274,997.00
Weatherall Dock and Dredge	\$367,500.00
Dean Construction	\$538,625.00

The original intent of the Dredging project was to complete dredging prior to launching of boats in mid-May. This work was approved by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) with mandatory completion of in water works completed by May 1, 2013.

Subsequent to the award report being approved by Council, the Town received correspondence from Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) identifying their position regarding the need to consult and provide information regarding the proposed dredging works.

It was the Town's understanding to this point that consultation would have occurred between SON and the Harbour owners, being the Federal government.

Because of delays that occurred through this process to dredge during a Restricted Activity Period, Staff is recommending that dredging be completed during the Unrestricted Activity Timing Window that is July 15th to September 15th for The Blue Mountains area, that would allow for in water works to take place.

Messaging has been provided to the Yacht Club Commodore and a site meeting dealing with actions for launch has taken place. The water levels this spring are now projected to meet or exceed the levels experienced at haul out in October 2012, which while less than optimal, would minimize any additional impact on 2013 Launch and operations.

Schedule F, Section 1.B allows staff to negotiate with Councils approval "When due to market conditions, required goods or services are in short supply, or when urgent acquisition of required goods or services is necessary due to unexpected circumstances.

Due to the unexpected delay following the initial tendering of the dredging project, Staff are recommending that Schedule F, Negotiated Procurement Procedures, Section 1.B. of the Towns Purchasing Policy be used to negotiate with the low bidder to have the work completed between July 15th and September 15th, 2013.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Goal 2. Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs.

Goal 4. Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

Goal 5. Ensuring long-term financial sustainability.

D. Environmental Impacts

As part of this project, it will be ensured that mitigation measures are in place to minimize any impacts to Fish or Fish Habitat. The July 15th through September 15th period is within the Unrestricted Activity Timing Window.

E. Financial Impact

Work to be completed would be negotiated based on the original Tender Award and Council would consider and approve any negotiated project cost if higher than the original low bid previously awarded.

F. In Consultation With

Troy Speck, Chief Administrative Officer
Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation
Robert Cummings, Director of Financial and Information Technology Services
Serena Wilgress, Manager of Purchasing

G. Attached

None at this time

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Gibbons, Harbour/Cemetery Manager

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By signing below, we (TPAC) approve of the recommendation as shown above.

Signed _____
Troy Speck, CAO

Date: _____

Signed _____
Serena Wilgress, Manager of Purchasing
and Risk Management

Date: _____

Signed _____
Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation

Date: _____