

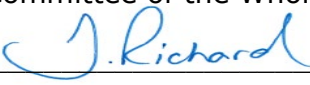


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WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☒	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: Committee of the Whole

Submitted by: 
Todd Richard, Director, Public Works

Date: March 11, 2025

Subject: Standing Offer Asphalt Paving Services 2025 (WHPW25-04)

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act, Section 65 authorizes Council to expend funds for municipal purposes.

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

It is recommended for Committee of the Whole to recommend to Council that:

Council approve the award of tender WHPW25-04 for Standing Offer Paving Services 2025 to the low compliant bidder, Dexter Construction Company Ltd; for unit pricing services, based on the tendered estimated cost of \$565,925, plus applicable taxes.

BACKGROUND

Property ☒	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social ☒	Economic ☒	Councillor Activity ☐
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This standing offer services contract WHPW25-04 is for ongoing operational asphalt and pavement patching requirements from April 1, 2025 until March 31, 2026 with the

option to extend for an additional 12 months, with agreed incremental pricing in accordance with provincially published cost of living (CPI) increases.

This contract is not intended to address any paving requirements that may be associated with individual capital projects that are tendered throughout the year, however the same contractor would be permitted to bid on the same work. It should also be noted the bids are based on unit prices only and the total amount is the sum of all estimated quantities times the applicable unit rates. Similarly, the total estimated contract amount stated in the tender is not a guaranteed quantity of work being provided to the bidder. The amount of maintenance paving authorized each year will be based on priorities and need within the annual operational budget.

DISCUSSION

On February 13, 2025, staff issued a public tender on NS Procurement for a Standing Offer services contract, closing on February 27, 2025. The call for proposals resulted in two bids being submitted for evaluation:

- Dexter Construction Company Ltd. \$ 565,925.⁰⁰
- Cumberland Paving & Contracting \$ 935,112.⁵⁰

All of the bid submissions received were reviewed by Public Works staff to ensure they were compliant. Staff see no issues with awarding the Standing Offer tender to this bidder.

For comparison of previous years' bids the following table has been included.

Bidder	2021	2023	2025
No Job Too Odd Property Improvements	\$426,900.00	\$386,400.00	n/a
Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	\$399,100.00	\$499,275.00	\$565,925.00
Cumberland Paving & Contracting	\$461,850.00	\$843,850.00	\$935,112.50
Basin Contracting Limited	n/a	\$1,531,200.00	n/a
Ocean Contractors Limited	\$481,530.00	n/a	n/a
Atlantic Road Construction & Paving	\$529,200.00	n/a	n/a
Howard Little Excavating	\$610,850.00	n/a	n/a

NEXT STEPS

There are no additional steps required for execution of this standing offer contract, other than issue a purchase order to the contractor to execute the work.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All work associated with this tender has been identified in the 2025-26 operating budget under maintenance of streets, sewer operations, and water utility operations.

Tendering Timeline:

Posted to Procurement	Feb 13, 2025
Closing Date	Feb 27, 2025
Price Expiry Date	April 28, 2025
Days Remaining	48 Days

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council may choose not to proceed with this project. This is not the recommendation to Council.

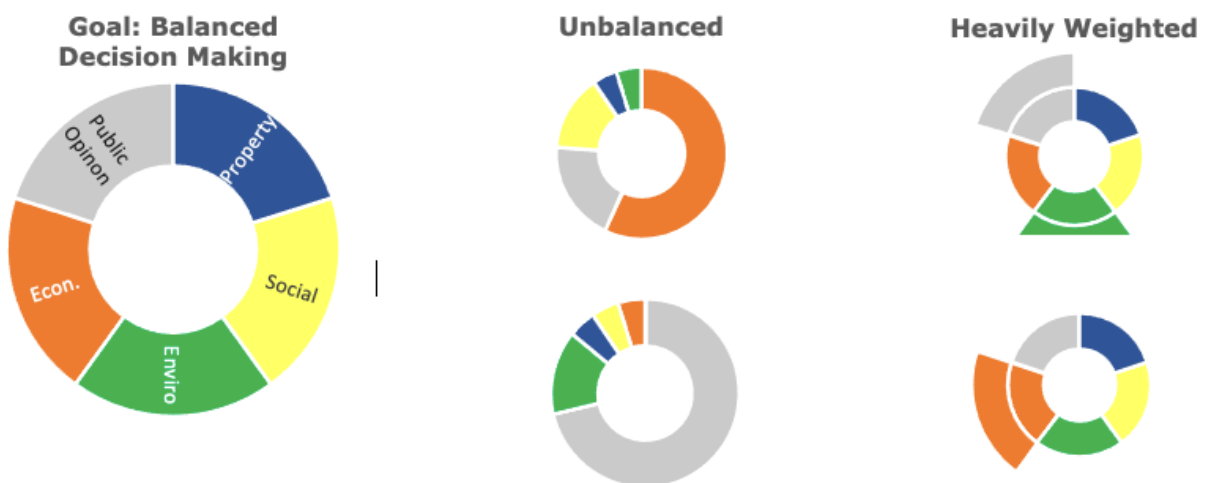
ATTACHMENTS

None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

I support the recommendation.

Council has been provided with a reference taken from the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy , Appendix C “Decision Making by Council and Committee of the Whole” as a reminder of the principles highlighted for good decision making.



Report Prepared by:



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Report Approved by:



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