



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 of Public Works

Date: April 8, 2025

Subject: Tender Award — Tregothic Creek Sanitary Crossing

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

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

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Committee of the Whole recommends that Council:

- 1. Approve the award of Tender WHRMPW25-06 — Tregothic Creek Sanitary Pipe Crossing — to Dexter Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of \$212,500.00 before applicable taxes.***
- 2. Approve a project contingency amount of \$33,375 before applicable taxes.***

BACKGROUND

Property ☒	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☒	Social ☐	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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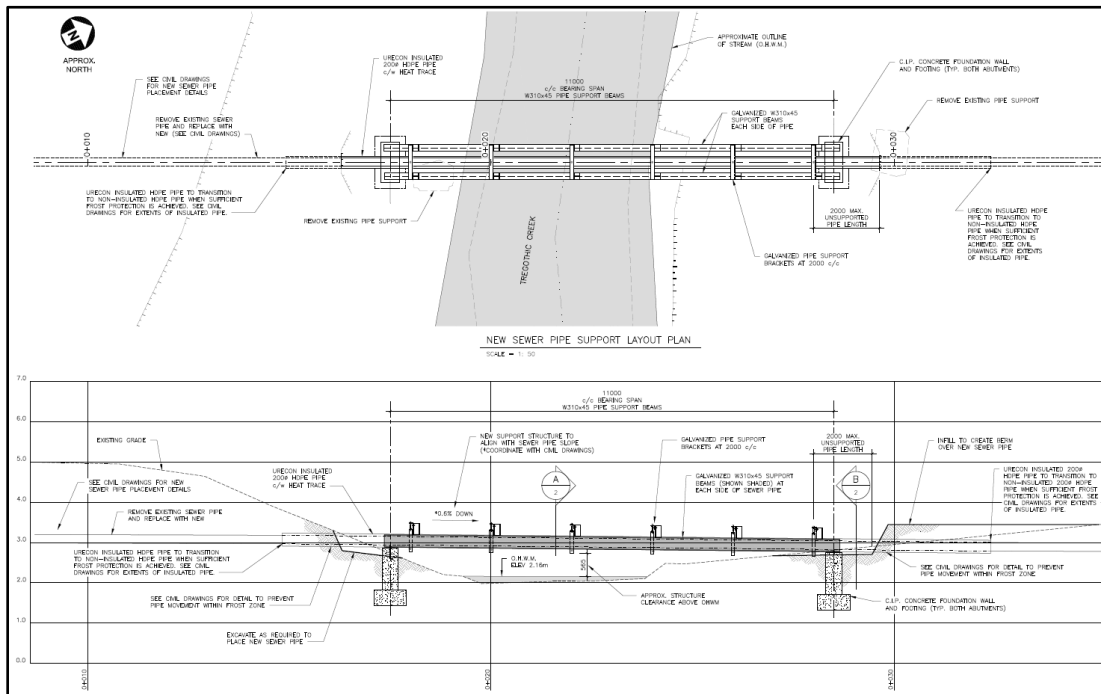
This project involves the replacement of an existing suspended sanitary sewer crossing over Tregothic Creek (see Figure 1-1). The existing structure and piping have reached the end of their useful life and are at risk of failure. The existing cast iron pipe with exposed joints is showing signs of deterioration and deflection. Failure of this pipe would cause environmental contamination of Tregothic Creek.

This project was approved in the 2024-25 Capital Budget. The design work for this project was completed over the last year, and the project was tendered in March, 2025. Applications to Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change for Watercourse Alteration and Wetland Alteration Permits were submitted in March, 2025. These are expected to be approved by May/June 2025, and will be required to be in place prior to commencement of work.

Figure 1-1. Project Location



Figure 1-2. Project Design Sample



DISCUSSION

On March 27, 2025, four tenders were received for construction services for the Tregothic Creek Sanitary Crossing (Tender WHRMPW25-06), which were reviewed for mathematical checks and compliance by Engineering staff:

Tenderer	Tenderer's Location	Price (before HST)
Atlantic Snow & Ice Management	North River, NS	\$301,068.69
Brycon Construction Ltd.	Dartmouth, NS	\$300,000.00
Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	Wolfville, NS	\$212,500.00
I.T.S. Construction Ltd.	Mount Uniacke, NS	\$221,900.00

Dexter Construction Company Ltd. is the low bidder for this project. Their submission was fully compliant with the tender requirements. Dexter has significant experience with similar projects within West Hants Regional Municipality and across the province, and is therefore being recommended to Council for award of this project.

NEXT STEPS

Following the award of the contract by Council:

- Sign Form of Agreement with successful contractor.
- Issue Purchase Order to successful contractor.
- Project Engineer will be responsible for contract administration/management.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Timeline: 60 days

Posted to Procurement	March 3, 2025
Closing Date	March 27, 2025
Price Expiry Date	May 26, 2025
Days Remaining	48

2024-25 Capital Budget — Tregothic Creek Sewer Crossing:

Tender Pricing	\$212,500.00
Project Consulting	\$10,000.00
Project Contingency (15%)	\$33,375.00
Non-Recoverable Tax (3.86%)	<u>\$9,876.78</u>
Total Project Costs	\$265,751.78

2024-25 Budget Value	\$160,000.00
Less: Expenses to date (Design)	<u>\$26,724.82</u>
Remaining Budget	\$133,275.18
Over Budget Variance	\$132,476.60

The funding for the sewer crossing was to come from the sewer reserve. This is proposed to carryover into the 2025-26 Capital Budget and will reflect the updated total.

The sewer reserves projected balance on March 31, 2025, is estimated to be \$425,679. If Council wishes to proceed, Financial Services staff are recommending the funding be split 50/50 between the sewer reserve and long-term borrowing. This will result in an estimated debt servicing amount for the sewer budget of \$11,332.80.

ALTERNATIVES

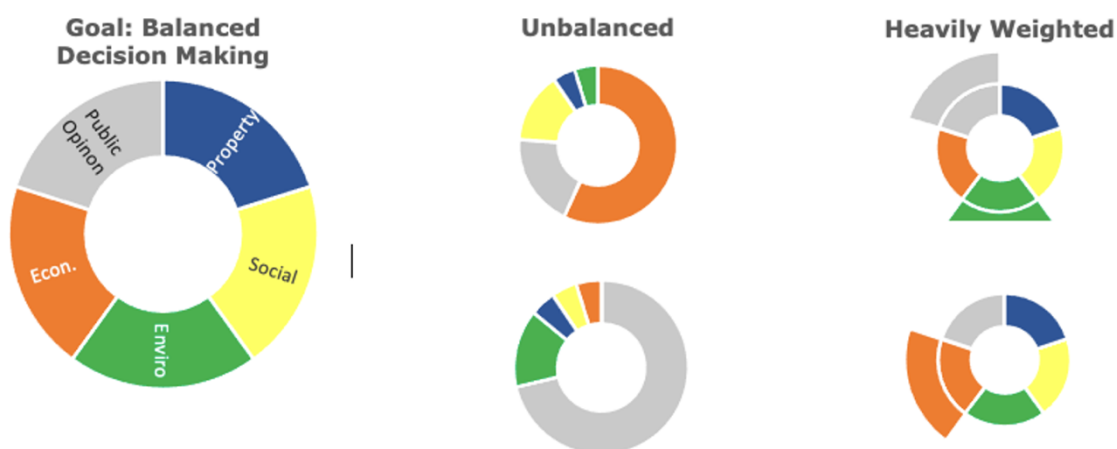
- No alternatives are recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

- None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

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.



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