



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: January 13, 2026

Subject: Tendering Timeline — Rand Street Services and Street Renewal

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:

The Rand Street Services and Street Renewal project be tendered in January 2026, with the intent of bringing a contract award recommendation to Council on February 24, 2026.

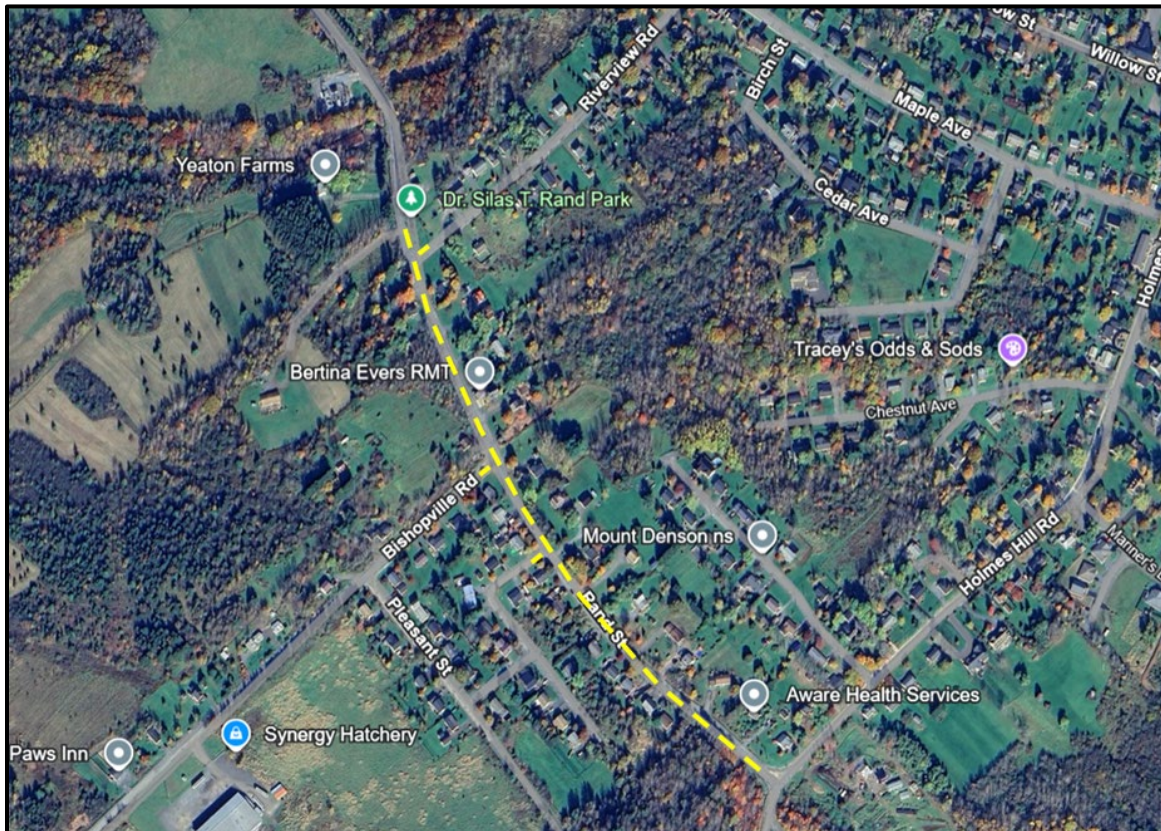
BACKGROUND

Property ☒	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☐	Social ☒	Economic ☒	Councillor Activity ☐
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Rand Street in Hantsport (see Figure 1-1) was included as a priority for replacement of sanitary/storm/water infrastructure and street renewal in year two of the 2025/26 five-year Capital Budget (2026 construction season). This determination was based on the age and condition of the underground services and the street surface conditions. The design work for this project was completed over the last year. This project includes the following infrastructure improvements:

- replacement of 750m of water main and service laterals to the property line
- replacement of 600m of sanitary gravity pipe and service laterals to the property line
- replacement of 800m of storm pipe
- street reconstruction including concrete curb/gutter and sidewalk along north-east side of the street

Figure 1-1. Project Location



DISCUSSION

Tender pricing for the Payzant Drive and King Street Upgrades was lower than anticipated. Discussions with several contractors indicate that current market conditions are favourable, with increased competition as contractors seek to secure their first major project for the upcoming construction season.

Staff are seeking approval to issue the tender for the Rand Street Services and Street Renewal project in January, with the intent of bringing a contract award recommendation to Council on February 24. This would effectively constitute a pre-approval for the 2026/27 capital budget, allowing the Municipality to take advantage of the most favourable market conditions for tendering.

NEXT STEPS

- Issue tender.
- Present award recommendation to Council.
- Sign Form of Agreement with successful contractor.
- Issue Purchase Order to successful contractor.
- Project Engineer will be responsible for contract administration/management.
- Construction to be substantially completed by November 30, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Rand Street had design allocated in 2025-26 Capital Budget. The construction was outlined in year two of the five-year capital renewal plan. There are no financial impacts as a result of this report, other than staff time allocation. However, there is potential for financial cost savings in the upcoming 2026-27 Capital Budget if tendered early.

ALTERNATIVES

- Council may choose not to proceed with this project in 2026/27 (not recommended).
- Council may choose not to proceed with tendering this project until the capital budget is approved (not recommended, as the tender pricing is expected to be higher in this case).

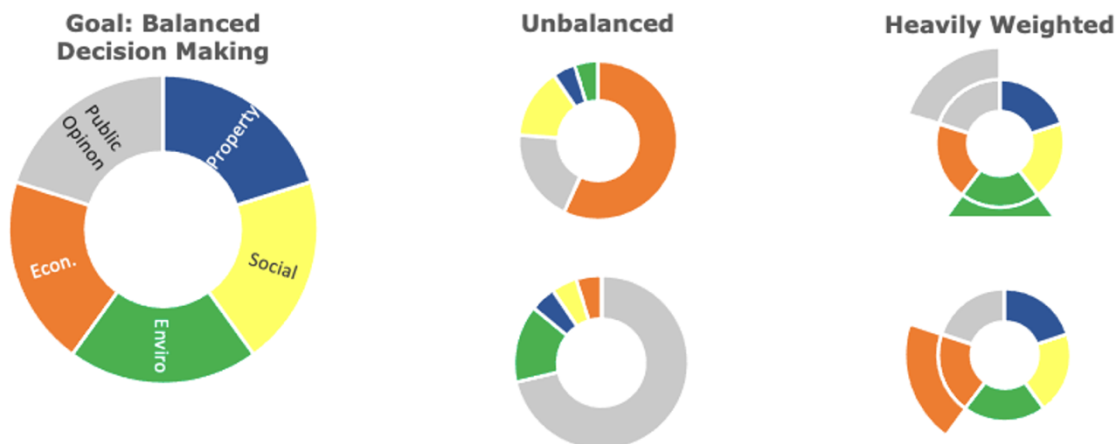
ATTACHMENTS

- None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

The report highlights the rationale for the project as well as the pre-approval. Pending Council's discussion regarding a scheduled 2026 project 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.



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