

Agenda Item: 3.7

Request for Decision

Title	Contract Award - Gravel Road Improvements Project
Proposed Motion	That Council award the contract for the Gravel Road Improvements project to Doblanko Contracting Ltd. at a contract price of \$1,568,638.05 (excluding GST) and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the contract.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Council award the contract for the Gravel Road Improvements project to Doblanko Contracting Ltd., as the lowest compliant bidder and reference checks.
Previous Council / Committee Direction	<u>December 13, 2022 Regular Council Meeting</u> Motion 482/22: That Council approve the 2023-2025 Capital Budgets in the amounts of \$35,701,907 for 2023, \$42,114,975 for 2024, and \$38,639,232 for 2025 as referenced in Attachment 3: Capital Funding and Project Listing.
Report	 Background Information The Gravel Road Improvement Project is an annual budgeted program. The scope of work consists of shoulder pulling, stabilization, drainage improvements and brushing as applicable. 18.4 kilometers of road improvement work was tendered and broken out into five bundles, with one or more project sites per bundle (see Attachment 1). Bundle A RR 240 North of Twp Rd 582 (0.55km) RR 213 North of Hwy 644 (0.20km) RR 213 North of Twp Rd 572 (0.15km) Bundle B Twp Rd 544 - Hwy 44 - RR 270 (1.6km) Bundle C Twp Rd 552 @ RR 263 & Hwy 44 (0.50km) RR 264 South of Hwy 633 (0.80km) Twp Rd 540A- East of RR 261 (0.50km) RR 260 - 500m North of Hwy 37 (0.50km) Twp Rd 540 - RR 264 - Hwy 44 (1.6km)

Bundle D

- Twp Rd 564 RR 230 RR 231 (1.60km)
- Twp Rd 572- RR 230 RR 231 (1.60km)
- o Bundle E
 - Twp Rd 564- RR 251 RR 252 (1.60km)
 - Twp Rd 564- RR 252 Hwy 2 (1.60km)
 - RR 260 Twp Rd 571 Hwy 651 (3.2km)
- As part of the tender evaluation, Bundle B was reviewed and removed from the scope of work being recommended for award.

External Communication

Tendering

- Tender for the Gravel Road Improvement project was posted on Alberta Purchasing Connection ("APC") and Bids and Tenders on May 23, 2023, and closed on June 16, 2023.
- Three (3) bids were received for the five Bundles.
- With the deletion of Bundle B, remaining bids for the other bundles ranged from \$1,568,638.05 to \$2,440,908.11 (excluding GST) (see Attachment 2).
- Administration reviewed the received tenders for compliance with the tender specifications.

Communications

• Following the contract award and prior to construction startup, resident notification letters will be sent to all affected residents.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

Procurement Policy

- Invitation to Tender is identified as the acceptable method of procurement for construction contracts and other high value procurements.
- Sturgeon County's standard for communicating competitive procurement opportunities is through the APC.
- Purchases exceeding \$500,000 are to be ratified at the following Council Meeting.
- The Chief Administrative Officer is the signing authority for all construction or capital contracts over \$500,000.

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Planned Growth – The awarding of this contract is consistent with the provision of *Reliable and effective infrastructure*.

Operational Excellence – The awarding of this contract is consistent with the delivery of *Quality cost-effective service delivery; asset management and performance measurement.*

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Organizational:

- The awarding of this contract will increase the performance of each of these road segments, particularly following inclement weather events.
- The awarding of this contract will reduce the maintenance requirements of this road segment, thereby freeing up additional capacity to maintain Sturgeon County's service commitment to operational excellence.

Financial:

• The total funding required for this project is estimated at \$1,780,501.86, and there is \$2,091,000.00 in available funds.

Estimated Costs

Total Funding Requirement	\$1.780.501.86
Contingency (10%)	\$161,863.81
Engineering	\$50,000.00
Construction	\$1,568,638.05

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Total Available Funds	\$2,091,000.00
Gravel Road Stabilization	\$841,000.00
LRP Stabilization/Selective Grading	\$1,250,000.00

Alternatives Considered

Council could decide not to award the contract at this time.

Implications of Alternatives

Strategic Alignment:

Planned Growth – Not awarding the contract would be inconsistent with this strategic objective.

Operational Excellence – Not awarding the contract would be inconsistent with this strategic objective.

Organizational:

 By not awarding the contract, Sturgeon County would be required to continue intensive maintenance requiring further resources to maintain an acceptable level of service.

Financial:

• Not awarding this contract would only temporarily defer the required capital renewal cost for these assets.

Follow up Action

- 1. Execute the contract with Doblanko Contracting Inc. (CAO Office, Q3 2023).
- 2. Send notification letters to impacted residents (Transportation & Engineering Services, Q3 2023).

Attachment(s)

- 1. Attachment 1: Location Map
- 2. Attachment 2: Tender Summary

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Report Reviewed by:

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Reegan McCullough, County Commissioner – CAO

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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Offering a rich tapestry of historical, cultural, and natural experiences, Sturgeon County is a municipality that honours its rural roots and cultivates desirable communities. Uniquely situated to provide world-class agricultural, energy, and business investment opportunities, the County prioritizes responsible stewardship and dreaming big.

Guiding Principles: Collaboration | Accountability | Flexibility | Excellence | Safety | Future Readiness | Affordability | Innovation

Community Outcome		Consistent	N/A
Planned Growth			
 Internationally competitive to attract, grow and sustain diverse businesses; tenacious focus on new growth and innovation 			\boxtimes
Modern broadband and digital capabilities			\boxtimes
Low cost, minimal red-tape regulations			\boxtimes
 Reliable and effective infrastructure planning; comprehensive land use and infrastructure planning 		\boxtimes	
Thriving Communities			
 Beautiful, surprising places with high standards; integrated natural spaces & trail systems; healthy and resilient 			\boxtimes
 Engaging cultural, historical, and civic amenities; strong community identity and pride 			\boxtimes
 Safe, welcoming, and diverse communities; small community feel and personal connection; commitment to high quality of life 			\boxtimes
Environmental Stewardship			
 Clean air, land, and water; Carbon neutral municipal practices; circular economy opportunities 			\boxtimes
 Conservation of natural areas and agricultural lands; enhanced greening and biodiversity; safekeeping ecosystems 			\boxtimes
 Sustainable development; partnerships with industry and others to drive emission reductions 			\boxtimes
Collaborative Governance			
 Predictable and stable external relationships; volunteer partnerships 			\boxtimes
Meaningful connections with Indigenous communities			×
 Ongoing community consultation and engagement; transparent and action-oriented decision making based on sound rationale 			
 Respectful and informed debate; clear and supportive governance processes 			\boxtimes
Operational Excellence			
 Engaged and effective people – Council, Admin and Volunteers; continuous learning and improvement mindset; nimble and bold, with strong leadership 			⊠
 Quality cost-effective service delivery; robust procurement and operational practices and policies; asset management and performance measurement; careful debt and reserve stewardship; long-term financial planning and sustainability 		×	
 Future focused thinking to proactively respond to emerging opportunities and challenges 			\boxtimes
Alternative revenue generation and service delivery models integrated strategic and business planning			×