



REPORT

REPORT TO: Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council

REPORT FROM: Steven Ziegler, Senior Project Engineer

DATE: May 25, 2021

REPORT NO.: TPW-2021-0017

RE: Award of Tender for Queen Street Reconstruction, Acton

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. TPW-2021-0017, dated May 25, 2021, regarding Award of Tender for Queen Street Reconstruction, Acton be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Graham Bros. Construction Limited, 297 Rutherford Road South, Brampton, Ontario, L6W 3J8, be awarded Tender No. T-011-21, Queen Street Reconstruction, Acton, at a total amount of \$1,332,900.92 (plus applicable taxes);

AND FURTHER THAT the Queen St/Acton Blvd IPS Installation project (6100-28-2102) be closed and the remaining funding of \$132,693.63 be transferred to the Young/Queen Street Reconstruction project (6200-16-2008) as outlined in Report TPW-2021-0017;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the additional funding request for the Young/Queen Street Reconstruction project (6200-16-2008) of \$473,715.52 and that the additional funds be financed from the Capital Replacement Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary contract documents for the project.

BACKGROUND:

Through the Connecting Links Funding Program, the Province of Ontario is investing in the construction and repair of roads and bridges to help 77 municipalities pay for the construction and repair of their Connecting Links infrastructure. Connecting Links are municipal roads designated under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act. Through this application based funding program, the MTO will provide funding for up to ninety percent (90%) of eligible project costs, to a maximum of \$3 million per project. Applicants are required to contribute the remaining ten percent (10%) of eligible project costs and pay for all ineligible project costs.

Through Council Resolution 2019-0194, Council supported the application to the 2020-2021 Connecting Links Funding Program for two projects; the Young Street/Queen Street Reconstruction in Halton Hills (Acton) and the Guelph Street/Sinclair Avenue Intersection Improvements in Halton Hills (Georgetown).

The Town was successful in securing funding from the Connecting Links Funding Program for the Young Street/Queen Street Reconstruction in Halton Hills (Acton). As per the conditions of the funding agreement, ineligible costs and eligible costs beyond the approved funding incurred on the project are to be derived from the Town's Capital Replacement Reserve.

The Queen Street Reconstruction project is comprised of full depth road resurfacing including concrete road base removal, significant storm sewer repairs, curb replacement and associated restoration. The project also includes upgrade of the existing Pedestrian Crossover Type A at the intersection of Queen Street (Hwy 7) and Acton Boulevard to an Intersection Pedestrian Signal (IPS).

As a proactive measure, the Town of Halton Hills has engaged a specialized consulting firm to perform a pre-condition survey of the properties along Queen Street to document the pre-construction condition of the structures and surrounding properties.

Queen Street forms part of the main thoroughfare through Acton, and will result in a significant public benefit when reconstructed. This project would result in a safer, more reliable roadway and ensure the proper functioning and long-term viability of the Town's storm water system. Staff has incorporated active transportation by means of the implementation of bike lanes.

COMMENTS:

Staff issued Tender T-011-21 on April 6, 2021. Bids were posted on the Town's website and advertised on the bids and tenders website. A total of thirty-three (33) firms downloaded the bid documents and eight (8) bids were received. The tenders closed on April 28, 2021. Bids were received as follows:

Contractor	Subtotal	HST	Total
Graham Bros. Construction Limited	\$1,332,900.92	\$173,277.12	\$1,506,178.04
King Paving & Construction Ltd.	\$1,385,979.90	\$180,177.39	\$1,566,157.29
PAVE-AL LIMITED	\$1,442,025.75	\$187,463.35	\$1,629,489.10
DIG-CON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	\$1,517,873.75	\$197,323.59	\$1,715,197.34
Ashland Construction Group Ltd.	\$1,611,462.14	\$209,490.08	\$1,820,952.22

Contractor	Subtotal	HST	Total
Forest Contractors Ltd.	\$1,655,532.40	\$215,219.21	\$1,870,751.61
Blackstone Paving & Construction Limited	\$1,949,236.94	\$253,400.80	\$2,202,637.74
New-Alliance Ltd	\$2,224,573.00	\$289,194.49	\$2,513,767.49

As noted above, the Queen Street reconstruction project will incorporate and coordinate the installation of necessary pedestrian crossing infrastructure. In order to facilitate this, a total of \$132,693.63 which remains from the Intersection Pedestrian Signal (IPS) at Queen Street & Acton Boulevard project (6100-28-2102) will be reallocated to the Young/Queen Street Reconstruction (6200-16-2008) project and the former project will be closed.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

The recommendations of this Report support the Strategic Plan priority areas of Transportation, Climate Change and Environment, Fiscal and Corporate Management and the focus areas of Traffic Safety, Resilient Infrastructure and Capital Assets and Liabilities Management.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total cost to complete the remaining Queen Street reconstruction and the related pedestrian infrastructure is estimated at \$1,536,770.36 as outlined in the table below. Taking into consideration the combined project budget from the Intersection Pedestrian Signal project (\$132,693.63) as noted above, a total of \$1,063,054.84 is currently available for Queen Street and the pedestrian crossing work. This results in an additional funding requirement of \$473,715.52, which will be financed from the Capital Replacement reserve.

<u>Funding</u>		
Approved Ontario Connecting Links Funding	1,485,000.00	
Capital Replacement Reserve	117,000.00	
Project Expenditures for Young Street incurred to-date	(671,638.79)	
Transfer from IPS Installation Project (6100-28-2102)	\$132,693.63	
Additional Funding Requested	\$473,715.52	
Total 6200-16-2008		\$1,536,770.36
<u>Expenditures (incl. Non-Refundable HST)</u>		
Tendered Amount	(\$1,332,900.92)	
Material Testing / Overtime	(\$40,000.00)	
Contingency (10%)	(\$137,290.08)	
Non-Refundable HST	(\$26,579.36)	
Total		(\$1,536,770.36)
Net Amount		0.00

Any unused Town funds remaining once the project has been closed will be returned to the proper Town reserve consistent with the Capital Budget Governance Policy.

CONSULTATION:

The Senior Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management is in agreement with this recommendation.

The Town Treasurer and Director of Finance is in agreement with this recommendation.

The Director of Transportation is aware of the project.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

A Virtual Public Information Centre (VPIC) through the Let's Talk Halton Hills platform was live between March 9, 2021 and March 23, 2021.

The VPIC page was visited by sixty-three (63) persons. Seven (7) were provided information through clicking on a link, downloading a document, or viewing a map and one (1) engaged staff through a question.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

The Town is committed to implementing our Community Sustainability Strategy, Imagine Halton Hills. Doing so will lead to a higher quality of life. The relationship between this Report and the Strategy is summarized below:

The recommendation outlined in this Report advances the Strategy's implementation.

The Queen Street Reconstruction supports two pillars of sustainability by providing economic prosperity through infrastructure renewal and provides social well-being by providing relievable transportation. The alignment of this Report with the Community Sustainability Strategy is good.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Staff discussions with Graham Bros. Construction Limited will occur as to the scheduling and the Town's expectations toward customer service. Additional notices will be sent to residents prior to working on any roads. As per recent years, the Mayor will be invited to the initial start-up meetings. Town staff will work closely with Graham Bros. Construction Limited to ensure the work is carried out in accordance with the contract document and with as little disruption to the local community and public traffic, as possible.

The Roads 2021 Information Package was provided to the Mayor and Members of Council by email on March 22, 2021. This package illustrates the 2021 works and includes the specific areas slated for road renewal, plans for notifying residents of the scheduled works, and customer service protocol. Notice of Construction letters will be hand-delivered or mailed to affected residents. Additional notices will be sent to residents informing of any delays in work.

Emergency services will be notified of any road closures.

CONCLUSION:

The bid document submitted by Graham Bros. Construction Limited meets or exceeds our specifications in all regards. Staff recommends Council award Tender T-011-21, Queen Street Reconstruction, Acton, to Graham Bros. Construction Limited.

Reviewed and Approved by,

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Moya Jane Leighton, Director of Finance & Town Treasurer

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Simone Gourlay, Senior Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management

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Bill Andrews, Commissioner of Transportation and Public Works

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Chris Mills, Acting Chief Administrative Officer