



MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: September 23, 2024
To: Mayor and Council
From: Nick Sheldon, Project Manager
Report Number: COU24-108
Attachments: T-2024-21 Bid Summary

Title: Oakdale Avenue Multi-Use Trail Construction Tender Award

Objective: To obtain Council approval to award the Tender Contract T-2024-21 for Oakdale Avenue Multi-Use Trail to Ekum-Sekum Incorporated o/a Brantco Construction. in the amount of \$301,602.65 including HST.

Background: As part of the 2023 Transportation Master Plan, five Quick-Start Priority Projects were identified for the cycling network, one of which is the Oakdale Avenue Multi-Use Trail. This project involves constructing a multi-use trail along the south side of Oakdale Avenue, extending from O'Loane Avenue to Forman Avenue. Once completed, this trail will establish an east-west connection between the existing multi-use trail on O'Loane Avenue and the cycling facilities on Forman Avenue.

The proposed route is designed to enhance cycling access to key community destinations, including the Stratford Education and Recreation Centre (SERC), St. Michael Catholic Secondary School, Stratford District Secondary School, and the YMCA Child Care Centre.

On July 30, 2024, Engineering Staff issued a project notice and shared proposed design drawings with all properties located within the project boundaries.

Analysis: Subsequent to the budget approval, the final design work was completed, that refined the scope and reduced the anticipated value of the tender. The Oakdale Avenue Multi-Use Trail Construction tender was posted on the City website Bid Opportunity page and in the Bids and Tender public forum on August 28, 2024.

This tender was competitive with a total of thirty-eight registered bidders for the project, with twelve submitting official bids. The lowest qualified bid of \$301,602.65 including HST was submitted by Ekum-Sekum Incorporated o/a Brantco Construction. The submission was reviewed, and their experience and references were checked with

positive results. The low bid from Ekum-Sekum Incorporated o/a Brantco Construction bid of \$301,602.65 including HST is \$271,602.53 after the HST Partial Rebate.

The 2024 capital budget contains a total on \$500,000 for this project as follows:

Provincial/Federal Funding	\$	500,000	R-R11-RFED
Total	\$	500,000	

The estimated total project costs are:

Tendered Price (including partial HST rebate)	\$	271,602.53
Materials Testing (estimated)	\$	5,000.00
Total	\$	276,602.53

Financial Implications:

Financial impact to current year operating budget:

The multi-use trail construction project will be funded by the Canadian Community-Building Fund (CCBF). The unspent funds will remain in the reserve fund to be spent on other eligible projects.

Financial impact on future year operating budget:

There would be an increased annual operating and maintenance costs in future years including winter maintenance, trimming and other activities. The new asset would require additional operational maintenance and repair from the current asset holdings.

Link to asset management plan and strategy:

The multi-use trail segments will be added to the asset management plan. Future replacements will be planned for based on its estimated useful life of 25 to 60 years and condition assessments. The adjustment to the asset management plan will impact future capital planning forecasts and funding strategies will be updated accordingly.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Enhance our Infrastructure

This report aligns with this priority as the trail will establish an east-west connection between the existing multi-use trail on O’Loane Avenue and the cycling facilities on Forman Avenue, and the proposed route is designed to enhance cycling access to key community destinations, including the Stratford Education and Recreation Centre (SERC), St. Michael Catholic Secondary School, Stratford District Secondary School, and the YMCA Child Care Centre.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:

Health and Happiness

Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

Travel and Transport

Reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport.

Staff Recommendation: THAT the Tender (T-2024-21) for the Oakdale Avenue Multi-Use Trail Construction Contract be awarded to Ekum-Sekum Incorporated o/a Brantco Construction at a total tender price of \$301,602.65, including HST;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the necessary Contract Agreement.

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