

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: May 27, 2025
To: Mayor and Council
From: Nick Sheldon
Report Number: COU25-062
Attachments: T-2025-09 Bid Summary Erie Street Multi-use Trail Reconstruction

Title: T-2025-09 Erie Street Multi-use Trail Tender Award

Objective: To obtain Council approval to award the Tender Contract T-2025-09 for Erie Street Multi-Use Trail Reconstruction to Armstrong Paving and Materials Group Ltd. in the amount of \$587,162.26 including HST.

Background: The existing asphalt multi-use trail on the west side of Erie Street from Lorne Avenue to 370m south of Packham Avenue, serving as a link for active transportation and recreational activities, has deteriorated beyond its useful lifespan (originally estimated at 25 years). Constructed in 1991 (34 years ago), this infrastructure plays a role in promoting active transportation and enhancing accessibility. The surface is subject to rutting from maintenance equipment, ponding, excessive settlement and cracked edges. As such, reconstruction is necessary to meet the city's objective of providing safe infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists alike.

Similarly, the absence of a sidewalk on the east side of Erie Street from Lorne Avenue to 200m north of Crane Avenue presents notable safety and access challenges. As an arterial road, the lack of pedestrian infrastructure has been highlighted by community advocacy and observed desire lines. Installing a new sidewalk aligns with efforts to improve urban walkability and safety, contributing to enhanced connectivity with local amenities and employment opportunities.

Analysis: The Erie Street Multi-Use Trail Reconstruction tender was posted on the city website Bid Opportunity page and, in the Bids and Tender public forum on April 17th, 2025.

There was a total of forty-four registered bidders for the project, with eight submitting official bids. The lowest qualified bid of \$587,162.26 including HST was submitted by Armstrong Paving and Materials Group Ltd. The submission was reviewed, and their experience and references were checked with positive results. The low bid from

Armstrong Paving and Materials Group Ltd. is \$528,757.81 after the HST ITCs and rebates.

The 2025 capital budget contains a total of \$1,200,000 under two capital projects as follows:

Erie Street Multi-Use Trail Replacement	Public Works Reserve	\$	1,000,000.00	R-R11-PWCA
New Sidewalks, Collector and Arterial	Public Works Reserve	\$	100,000.00	R-R11-PWCA
New Sidewalks, Collector and Arterial	Development Charges	\$	100,000.00	R-DIS-ROAD
	Total	\$	1,200,000.00	

The estimated total project costs are:

Construction Contract (after HST rebate)	\$	528,757.81
Geotechnical fees (estimated)	\$	50,000.00
Total	\$	578,757.81

The tender has 80% of the costs for the trail and 20% for the sidewalks and is proposed to be funded as follows:

Erie Street Multi-Use Trail Replacement	Public Works Reserve	\$	463,006.25	R-R11-PWCA (100%)
New Sidewalks, Collector and Arterial	Public Works Reserve and DCs	\$	115,75.56	R-R11-PWCA (50%) and R-DIS-ROAD (50%)
	Total	\$	578,757.81	

The remaining unspent approved budget of \$621,000 will remain in reserves for future capital projects.

Financial Implications:

Financial impact to current year operating budget:

There are no anticipated impacts if the project is approved to proceed to construction currently as funding is available in existing reserve funds.

Financial impact on future year operating budget:

There would be an increased annual operating and maintenance costs in future years. The new sidewalk would require additional operational maintenance and repair over its useful life.

Link to asset management plan and strategy:

The multi-use trail and sidewalk segments will be added to the asset management plan. Future replacements will be planned for based on estimated useful life. For concrete sidewalks, this is estimated at 60 years and the multi-use trail asphalt at 25 years, which could be modified based on later year 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 reconstruction targets infrastructure renewal and advocates for sustainable, active transportation. The Erie Street sidewalk enhances safety and walkability, underscoring our commitment to a connected and accessible pedestrian network.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:**Health and Happiness**

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

Culture and Community

Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living.

Travel and Transport

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

Staff Recommendation: THAT the Tender (T-2025-09) for the Erie Street Multi-Use Trail Reconstruction Contract be awarded to Armstrong Paving and Materials Group Ltd. at a total tender price of \$587,162.26, 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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