



Administration and Operations Committee Report

To: The Chair and Members of the Administration and Operations Committee
From: Mark Eby, Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management
Date: December 10, 2024
Report #: RPT-0462-24
Subject: Pre-Budget Tender Approval for Various Capital Projects
Purpose: For Approval

Recommendation

That staff be directed to start the Operations Capital project tender process in advance of the 2025 Budget Deliberations and approval to ensure that the six (6) projects listed as follows are tendered at the most advantageous time of year:

- Main Street and Dumfries Streets;
- Grand River Street North three (3) roundabouts;
- Patterson Culvert Rehabilitation;
- Muir Culvert Rehabilitation;
- Gravel to hard surface conversions;
- Road resurfacing various roads around the County;

And that staff report back to Council for award of the tenders as required by the County of Brant (the County) Purchasing Policy;

Strategic Plan Priority

Strategic Priority 2 - Effective Communication

Strategic Priority 3 - Economic Resilience

Strategic Priority 4 - Reliable Infrastructure

Impacts and Mitigation

Social Impacts

Construction projects always affect the public. By initiating projects early, the proposed schedule is easier to adhere to and there is sufficient time to communicate to the public.

Environmental Impacts

Not Applicable

Economic Impacts

Early tenders have traditionally been successful in returning lower prices as Contractors are eager to secure work for the coming construction season and the timing and weather can be more easily be predicted.

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Background

The 2025 Capital Budget is currently planned for approval at the end of February 2025. To ensure that the County of Brant (the County) is in the best position to tender and receive competitive bids for the 2025 construction season, staff are requesting that Council approve tendering to occur in advance of 2025 budget approval. Further to the RPT-0418-24 approved by Council in September, there are an additional six (6) known projects that staff believe will be in a position to tender in advance of budget approval, and are as follows:

Main Street and Dumfries Streets located in Paris – construction estimate - \$1.5 million. Proposed work includes replacement of watermains, improvements to storm drainage, road resurfacing and sidewalk improvements.

Grand River Street North located in Paris – construction estimate - \$6 million. Proposed work includes construction of three (3) roundabouts (Scott Ave., Hartley Ave., Watts Pond Road) and associated storm sewer work. Road work between the roundabouts will be completed in a future project.

Patterson Culvert (1-Box-53) Rehabilitation located on Baptist Church Road, 610m east of Mulligan Road – construction estimate - \$500,000. Proposed work includes a minor rehabilitation and repair of the barrel soffit, walls, fascia and barriers.

Muir Culvert (1-222-c) Rehabilitation located on County Highway No. 53; 1,600 m east of Muir Road South – construction estimate - \$450,000. Proposed work includes minor rehabilitation and repairs to concrete in the barrel ends, route and seal and erosion control.

Gravel to hard surface conversions located in Ward 5 and low volume road resurfacing on various roads around the County – construction estimate - \$1,750,000.

Asphalt resurfacing various roads around the County – construction estimate - \$975,000.

The total budget for these projects is currently estimated in the \$11.2 million range.

Summary and Recommendations

Staff recommend that Operations Capital projects listed in the body of this report be released for bidding prior to the 2025 Capital budget being approved by Council and that award for tenders be approved by Council after budget approval.

Attachments

None

Reviewed By

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Copied To

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L.L. Rouse, Purchaser

By-law and/or Agreement

By-law Required	No
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Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	No
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