



Administration and Operations Committee Report

To: The Chair and Members of the Administration and Operations Committee
From: Shannon Tweedle, Environmental Services Technologist & Drainage Superintendent
Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025
Report #: RPT-0246-25
Subject: Award of OPS-RFT-25-15 Bishopsgate Municipal Drain
Purpose: For Approval

Recommendation

That OPS-RFT-25-15 Bishopsgate Drain be awarded to BKT Excavating Ltd. for the bid price of \$370,392.00 (excluding HST).

Strategic Plan Priority

Strategic Priority 2 - Focused Growth and Infrastructure

Impacts and Mitigation

Social Impacts

The project will provide a new municipal drain for stormwater servicing in support of development in the Bishopsgate Road area.

Environmental Impacts

The new municipal drain, sized to current standards, will direct stormwater from the road and proposed developments across agricultural lands to a safe outlet, reducing runoff from industrial lands into agricultural lands and ensuring the protection of human health and the environment.

Economic Impacts

The new municipal drain will provide a legal outlet to the road authority and developments along Bishopsgate Road and encourage development in the area. Costs for the drain are assessable under *the Drainage Act (the Act)* and will be assessed as per the schedules contained in bylaw 75-24.

Report

Background

Tender No. OPS-RFT-25-15 Bishopsgate Municipal Drain was released on Tuesday, June 3, 2025.

The Bishopsgate Municipal Drain report was prepared by R. J. Burnside & Associates Limited in July 2024 in response to an appointment by the County of Brant (the County) dated June 27, 2023, to investigate issues along Bishopsgate Road, in accordance with *Section 4.1(c) of the Drainage Act, R.S.O., 1990 (the Act)*.

Surface water within the watershed area generally flows in a north to south direction within Lots one (1) and two (2), Concession five (5). There are two (2) existing developed industrial/commercial lots that are serviced with a stormwater management facility designed to retain the 100-year storm event. There is no existing overland flow route to channel and convey the flows in excess of the 100-year event. There is no existing legal outlet for collected and channelized flows.

The installation of the new drain is anticipated to take up to two (2) months and construction will be completed by the end of 2025. There are no road crossings to complete as part of this project. Works to be completed along Bishopsgate Road will be from the roadside and will require a traffic plan to be approved by the Roads Division prior to commencement.

A third branch was proposed in the original report but has not been included in the tender. Written requests from the two (2) landowners who are responsible for the full costs of the branch were received by the County to remove the branch. The owners no longer require the branch for their storm flows as a result of a redesign of the development of the properties.

GrandBridge Energy Inc. has worked with the Drainage Engineer and the County to determine which hydro poles within the proposed drainage corridor require relocation. The relocation of these poles will be completed by GrandBridge Energy in advance of the commencement of the drainage works.

Works on the Bishopsgate Road Municipal Drain include:

- 1,490 metres of channel construction, filling in of a pond (including clearing and grubbing), installation of two (2) 900mm HDPE pipe laneway culverts and laneway restoration; this work is known as Branch A.
- 272 metres of channel construction; this work is known as Branch B.

Analysis

All tenders are evaluated based on 100% of the price.

The following table summarizes the bids received:

Contractor	Total Tender Price (excluding HST)	Bid Including Contingencies (excluding HST)
BKT Excavating Ltd.	\$370,392.00	\$426,392.00
Robinson Farm Drainage Limited	\$449,202.00	\$462,202.00
Robert M. Simon Construction Ltd.	\$469,467.67	\$499,936.67
Malcolm Holdings Inc. o/a Malcolm Excavating	\$687,498.90	\$742,702.98

The inspection and contract administration will be completed by the Engineer and all costs associated with these tasks are assessable under the provisions of *the Act*. The low bid amount including contingencies is \$426,392.00. In accordance with *Section 59(1) of the Act*, the contract price is under the 133% threshold which is a ratio of the contract price plus contingencies to the engineer's estimate. As the contract price did not exceed 133%, a meeting to consider the contract price is not required. There are other costs on the drain such as engineering, allowances, and financing so the costs to the landowners may be less than the 114.7% construction cost increase when the final costs are compiled.

Engineer's Estimate	Low Bid Amount (including contingencies)	Contract Price as a percentage of the Engineer's Estimate
\$371,710.00	\$426,392.00	114.7%

Summary and Recommendations

Four (4) tenders were received by the County Purchasing Department prior to the 2:00 pm closing time on Thursday, July 3, 2025.

Staff recommend that OPS-RFT-25-15 Bishopsgate Municipal Drain be awarded to BKT Excavating Ltd. for the bid price of \$370,392.00 (excluding HST).

Attachments

1. Bishopsgate Road Municipal Drain Map
2. County of Brant By-Law 75-24 – Bishopsgate Municipal Drain

Reviewed By

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- 4. G. Demers, Director of Roads
- 5. J. DeMunck, Manager of Road Operations

By-law and/or Agreement

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