

**COMMUNICATION 131084**

Received From: Dave Young, Director of Public Works  
Addressed To: Council  
Date: June 30, 2020  
Topic: Tender PW1-2020 – New McArthur Island Watermain Crossing, Gilles Bridge Rehabilitation, and Mill St. Pedestrian Connection Improvements.

**SUMMARY**

Tenders were received for the above described project until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The following bid was received at tender closing:

RANK	CONTRACTOR	BID PRICE (HST INCLUDED)	BID PRICE (INCL. TOWN'S NET SHARE OF HST)
1	Louis Bray Construction	\$3,641,990.00	\$3,279,724.79

**BACKGROUND**

The following work was included in the tender:

- The installation of a new watermain from Princess St. to Rosamond St, that will cross the Mississippi River by having insulated pipe attached to the Gilles and Mill St. Bridges.
- Rehabilitation of steel girders and concrete abutments and replacement of deteriorated bearings, along with other minor repairs of the Gilles Bridge
- The installation of a pedestrian pathway along Mill Street from the OVRT to Judson Street

**COMMENTS**

Although there were numerous plan takers for this tender posting, the fact that there was only one (1) bidder for this project was very disappointing. Also, the price received for this project exceeds the budgeted amount significantly. \$1,613,000.00 was included in the 2020 budget for this project. As previously discussed, all of the above described components are works that need to be completed in advance of undertaking the Central Bridge Project.

Staff and the Consultant have reached out to contractors that we anticipated receiving bids from and they have confirmed that they have no remaining capacity for a project of this nature in this calendar year.

Staff feels that the best approach would be to defer this project, incorporate Bell Street back into the tender package for completion in 2021, and commence construction on the Central Bridge and Bridge Street in 2022. This will obviously create issues with

all the stakeholders of these components of the Central Bridge Project including downtown businesses, private developers, utility companies, and the community at large

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

\$1,613,000 was included in the 2020 budget for this project. The one bid received is \$\$1,666,724.79 over budget.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That Council reject the bid received in response to Tender PW1-2020, due to budgetary constraints; and

THAT staff be directed to proceed to reissue the tender as soon as possible incorporating Bell Street into the tender; and

THAT Council authorize staff to proceed with developing a revised schedule and communication plan to ensure all those affected by this development are aware of the Town's plans.