

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Executive Committee
Friday, February 7, 2025 Meeting

FROM: Anil Wijesooriya, Director, Restoration and Infrastructure

RE: **RFT 10040440 - THE MEADOWAY MULTI-USE TRAIL -
IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 3, TORONTO**

KEY ISSUE

Award of Request for Tender (RFT) 10040440 - The Meadoway Multi-Use Trail - Implementation of Section 3.

RECOMMENDATION:

WHEREAS Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is engaged in a project that requires construction services;

AND WHEREAS TRCA solicited tenders through a publicly advertised process;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT RFT No. 10040440 for The Meadoway Multi-Use Trail- Implementation of Section 3 be awarded to Dynex Construction Inc. at a total cost of \$2,133,770.00, plus applicable taxes, to be expended as authorized by TRCA staff;

THAT TRCA staff be authorized to approve additional expenditures to a maximum of \$21,338.00 (approximately 10% of the project cost), plus applicable taxes, in excess of the contract cost as a contingency allowance if deemed necessary;

THAT should TRCA staff be unable to negotiate a contract with the above-mentioned proponent, staff be authorized to enter into and conclude contract negotiations with other Proponents that submitted quotations, beginning with the next lowest compliant bid;

AND FURTHER THAT authorized TRCA officials be directed to take whatever action may be required to implement the contract, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and execution of any contract documents.

BACKGROUND

The Meadoway is an innovative, community-driven naturalization initiative that links 16 km of the Gatineau Hydro Corridor, stretching from the East Don River in downtown Toronto to Rouge National Urban Park. This project is transforming the previously barren corridor into a vibrant urban greenspace and meadow habitat, connecting four ravines, 15 parks, and 13 neighborhoods across 200 hectares. It will support over 1,000 diverse species of flora and fauna. In addition to revitalizing the corridor, the project aims to foster meaningful community engagement and educational opportunities, enhancing community pride and ownership of this vital natural link.

At Authority Meeting #7/18, held on September 28, 2018, an update on The Meadoway and recommendation to advance implementation of key priorities was approved per Resolution #A143/18, in part, as follows:

WHEREAS The W. Garfield Weston Foundation has made \$10 million of the \$25 million pledge available immediately to TRCA to implement Phase 1 of the project;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT with appropriate Board Authority approvals including purchasing approvals, authorized TRCA and LCF officials be directed to take all necessary actions regarding retaining consulting services, the hiring of contract staff including project managers, and the signing and execution of any service agreements within the limit of the confirmed approved funding agreement for Phase 1;

THAT updates be brought back to the Authority on an annual basis as implementation of the project proceeds.

From 2018 to 2022, TRCA collaborated closely with the City of Toronto and other key stakeholders to advance Phase 1 of the project. During this period, the Weston Family Foundation contributed an additional \$1.348 million, bringing their total contribution to \$11.348 million. TRCA also secured an additional \$2.744 million to leverage this grant, resulting in a total of \$14.092 million raised to support Phase 1 priorities. A key deliverable of Phase 1 was the planning and design of a multi-use trail spanning the full 16 km of The Meadoway. The conceptual trail alignments were evaluated through a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment

(Schedule C), which was approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in January 2020.

At Authority Meeting #6/23, held on June 23, 2023, an update on the status of The Meadoway project and Phase 2 funding was approved per Resolution #A117/23. An additional \$13.213M has been secured to date to continue advancement of the project:

- \$6.332M from the Weston Family Foundation: for project management, meadow restoration and education and outreach (2023- 2025);
- \$5.6 million Natural Infrastructure Fund, through the City of Toronto: for advancement of two priority trail segments (2023/2024);
- \$1.05 million Parks Canada: for enhancements to the connection and amenities near Rouge National Urban Park (2023/2024); and
- \$0.231 million from Nature Based Climate Solutions grant to support meadow restoration (2023).

At the Authority meeting (October 20, 2023) it was confirmed that the \$5.6 million secured from the Natural Infrastructure Fund will be allocated through a Letter Agreement with the City of Toronto. This funding has already supported the substantial completion of Section 6 (Phase 1) as of September 2024. Additionally, these funds will be used to implement the construction of the trail segment, outlined in this report, from Arsandco Park east to Marcos Boulevard (Section 3, Phase 1), for which approval is being sought.

RATIONALE

A Request for Supplier Qualification (RFSQ) for general contractors was publicly advertised on the public procurement website www.biddingo.com, on November 20, 2023, and closed on December 11, 2023. General contractors were evaluated and pre-qualified based on the following criteria:

- 2019 Contractor's Qualification Statement (CCDC 11);
- (3-5yrs) Relevant/compatible Experience;
- Bonding Verification;
- Insurance Verification;
- Health and Safety Policy Document;
- WSIB Clearance; and
- Compliance with the City of Toronto's Fair Wage Schedule;

A total of twenty-three (23) suppliers registered for the opportunity and eleven (11) submissions were received from the following Proponent(s):

1. Ashland Construction Group;
2. Bronte Construction;
3. CSL Group;
4. Dynex Construction Inc.;
5. Greenspace Construction;
6. Hawkins Contracting Services Ltd.;
7. Lyncon Construction Inc.;
8. McPherson-Andrews Contracting Limited;
9. Melrose Paving Co. Ltd.;
10. Metric Contracting Services Corporation; and
11. Rutherford Contracting Ltd.

The bid from CSL Group was disqualified because their submission was blank.

An Evaluation Committee comprised of staff from Construction Services and the Project Management Office reviewed and evaluated the bid submissions based on the criteria above and six (6) suppliers were pre-qualified.

An RFT was subsequently publicly advertised on the public procurement website www.biddingo.com, on October 16, 2024, to the following six (6) pre-qualified suppliers. A mandatory meeting and site tour was held on October 22, 2024.

1. Bronte Construction
2. Dynex Construction Inc.
3. Hawkins Contracting Services Ltd.
4. McPherson-Andrews Contracting Limited
5. Metric Contracting Services Corporation
6. Rutherford Contracting Ltd.

Five (5) addenda were issued to respond to bidders' questions received during the bidding period. The RFT closed on November 26, 2024. Six (6) suppliers registered for the opportunity, and four (4) submissions were received from the following Proponents:

1. Bronte Construction;

2. Dynex construction;
3. McPherson-Andrews Contracting Limited; and
4. Rutherford Contracting.

The Procurement Opening Committee opened the Tenders on November 26, 2024, with the following results:

Proponent	Price (Plus HST)
Dynex Construction Inc.	\$ 2,133,769.50
McPherson-Andrews Contracting Ltd	\$ 2,900,656.80
Rutherford Contracting Ltd.	\$ 3,533,690.06
Bronte Construction	\$ 3,713,680.86

Staff reviewed the bid received from Dynex Construction Inc. against internal cost estimate and determined that the bid is of reasonable value and meets the requirements as outlined in the RFT documents. Therefore, it is recommended that contract No.10040440 be awarded to Dynex Construction Inc. at a total cost of \$2,133,770 plus 10% contingency and applicable taxes, as the lowest compliant bid.

Relationship to TRCA’s 2023-2034 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following Pillars and Outcomes set forth in TRCA’s 2023-2034 Strategic Plan:

Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:

- 1.4 Balance development and growth to protect the natural environment ensuring safe sustainable development

Pillar 3 Community Prosperity:

- 3.1 Connect communities to nature and greenspace

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Funds for the contract are identified in the Natural Infrastructure Fund, through a Letter Agreement with the City of Toronto. The cost of executing this contract, including all staff time and associated costs to manage the project, is being tracked in account series: 260-26.

DETAILS OF WORK TO BE DONE

1. Civil Works
 - Earth Excavation and Grading
 - Topsoil Stripping
 - Granular A, Granular B
 - Asphalt Paving
 - Decorative Concrete Pavement
 - Permanent Pavement Markings
 - Direct Seeding
2. Structural
 - Engineering Design of Steel Bowstring Arch Bridge
 - Fabrication, Delivery and Erection of Steel Bowstring Arch Bridge and Steel Railings
 - Construction of Reinforced Concrete Substructures and Approach Slabs
 - Helical Pile
 - Temporary Modular Work Bridge
3. New Traffic Signals Installation- Detailed design, quantities, and specifications for the pedestrian crossing items were provided by the City of Toronto

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Attachment 1: The Meadoway, Section 3 – Project Implementation Map

Attachment 2: The Meadoway, Section 3 – General Project Area