

**Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action**

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Board of Directors  
Friday, May 23, 2025 Meeting

**FROM:** Anil Wijesooriya, Director, Restoration and Infrastructure

**RE: REQUEST FOR TENDER FOR ASPHALT PAVING AT THE  
JIM TOVEY LAKEVIEW WATERFRONT CONSERVATION  
AREA**  
RFT No. 10042572

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**KEY ISSUE**

Award of Request for Tender (RFT) No. 10042572 for asphalt paving at the Jim Tovey Lakeview Waterfront Conservation Area in Mississauga.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**WHEREAS** Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is engaged in a project that requires asphalt trail paving services;

**AND WHEREAS** TRCA solicited tenders through a publicly advertised process;

**THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** RFT No. 10042572 for asphalt paving at the Jim Tovey Lakeview Waterfront Conservation Area to be awarded to Ashland Construction Group Ltd. at a total cost not to exceed \$509,333, plus applicable taxes, to be expended as authorized by TRCA staff;

**THAT** TRCA staff be authorized to approve additional expenditures to a maximum of \$76,400 (approximately 15% 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 bid meeting TRCA specifications;

**AND FURTHER THAT** authorized TRCA staff be directed to take whatever action may be required to implement the contract, including the obtaining of necessary approvals and the signing and execution

of any documents.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area (JTLCA) project was developed with the goal of stabilizing the waterfront and enhancing biodiversity through shoreline extension and habitat creation. The shoreline extension incorporates both engineered structures and natural materials to prevent erosion and improve water quality.

As part of the habitat creation efforts, native vegetation has been planted, wetlands constructed, and habitats developed to support local wildlife, including species at risk. These initiatives are designed to foster a healthier ecosystem, promote biodiversity, and strengthen the resilience of the shoreline in the face of climate change.

The project is being executed under a tri-party agreement between the Region of Peel (the current owner of the project area, and the primary sponsor and funder), the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC) (which will become the future owner of the conservation area), and TRCA, acting as the General Contractor. TRCA is responsible for Health and Safety oversight, managing contractors, providing expertise and resources for the final stage of construction at this project, and the public realm design.

As part of the final efforts involved with public realm design, TRCA is looking to contract out construction of a durable paved surface to improve accessibility and traffic flow within the conservation area. The contractor recommended will be responsible for paving approximately 12,000 square metres of trail to accommodate both pedestrian and cyclist traffic. The trail design incorporates various elements, including painted surfaces and stamped patterns, enhancing the overall experience for visitors within the conservation area.

### **RATIONALE**

A Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ) for general contractors was publicly advertised on the public procurement website [www.bidsandtenders.ca](http://www.bidsandtenders.ca) on February 14, 2025, and closed on March 4, 2025. General contractors interested in pre-qualifying were advised that in order to receive a tender package they must meet the following criteria;

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- Proponent's Profile – including company resources and capacity;
- Project Experience;
- Health and Safety Policy and Information;
- Qualifications and Experience of Personnel;
- Subcontractors; and
- References.

A total of thirty-one (31) firms downloaded the documents and twelve (12) pre-qualification submissions were received from the following Proponents:

- A. Wesley Paving Ltd.;
- Arenes Construction Ltd.;
- Ashland Construction Group Ltd.;
- DIG-CON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED;
- Forest Contractors Ltd.;
- Melrose Paving Co. Ltd.;
- Peltar Paving & General Contracting Company Limited;
- Rima Con Ltd.;
- Royalcrest Paving & Contracting Ltd.;
- Springside paving Ltd.;
- Tri-Capital Construction Inc.; and
- Wyndale Paving Co. Ltd.

An Evaluation Committee comprised of staff from Construction Services and Professional Services reviewed the pre-qualification documents based on the criteria above. Based on the evaluation results, Request for Tender documents were issued on March 24, 2025, to the following five (5) Proponents:

- A. Wesley Paving Ltd.;
- Ashland Construction Group Ltd.;
- Forest Contractors Ltd.;
- Melrose Paving Co. Ltd.; and
- Wyndale Paving Co. Ltd.

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A mandatory meeting and site tour was held on March 31, 2025. The RFT closed on April 16, 2025.

Three (3) addenda were issued to respond to questions received.

The Procurement Opening Committee opened the Tenders on April 16, 2025, with the following results:

Proponent	Fee (Plus HST)
A. Wesley Paving Ltd.	\$679,898
Ashland Construction Group Ltd.	\$509,333
Melrose Paving Co. Ltd.	\$529,253
Wyndale Paving Co. Ltd.	\$588,888

Staff reviewed the bid received from Ashland Construction Group Ltd. (Ashland) against its own cost estimate and have 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. 10042572 be awarded to Ashland at a total cost not to exceed \$509,333, plus 15% contingency, plus applicable taxes, it being the lowest bid meeting TRCA's specifications.

### **Relationship to TRCA's 2023-2034 Strategic Plan**

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

#### **Pillar 1 Environmental Protection and Hazard Management:**

1.2 Leadership in greenspace conservation

1.3 Maintain healthy and resilient watershed ecosystems in the face of a changing climate

### **FINANCIAL DETAILS**

Funds for the contract are identified in a tri-party agreement between the Region of Peel, CVC, and TRCA.

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**Date:** April 17, 2025

**Attachment:** 1

Attachment 1: Site Location Map - Asphalt Paving - Jim Tovey Lakeview  
Waterfront Conservation Area