

Section I – Items for Board of Directors Action

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Friday, June 25, 2021 Meeting

FROM: Michael Tolensky, Chief Financial and Operating Officer

RE: **DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO AWARD CONTRACT 10033033 FOR
CLAIREVILLE CONSERVATION AREA WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT
PROJECT**

KEY ISSUE

Staff request that Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's (TRCA) Board of Directors delegate approval authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to award this contract prior to the next Board of Directors meeting in September 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS no meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors are scheduled for the months of July and August 2021;

AND WHEREAS Resolution #A183/20, adopted at the November 20, 2020 Board of Directors meeting previously delegated the approval of all time sensitive procurements for the months of July and August 2021 to the Chief Executive Officer or his designate;

AND WHEREAS it would be beneficial to award the required work in summer 2021 to maintain the project schedule;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to award Contract 10033033 between the June 2021 and September 2021 Board of Directors' meetings;

THAT should TRCA staff be unable to negotiate a contract with the successful 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;

THAT authorized TRCA officials 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;

AND FURTHER THAT staff report back on the contract award to the Board of Directors at the September 2021 meeting.

BACKGROUND

The Claireville Conservation Area (CCA) is located in the City of Brampton, Regional Municipality of Peel and is approximately 450 hectares in size. The CCA lands are bounded by Highway 407 to the south, Goreway Drive to the west, lands north of Queen Street East (Regional Road 107) and south of Castlemore Road to the north and Regional Road 50 and The Gore Road to the east. The CCA contains significant natural and cultural heritage features. It is highly accessible to the public and has recreation, tourism and education facilities and programs. It is an integral part of the City of Brampton's natural heritage system, cultural

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heritage fabric, and an important regional recreation destination.

Due to aging infrastructure resulting in numerous watermain breaks within the property, and uses requiring water service TRCA is proposing to replace the existing water distribution system. The existing system and its components were assessed and were deemed to be at the end of its useful life as the system dates back to the 1960's. As a result, TRCA retained a professional engineering firm, Candevcon Limited, to design a new watermain system that meets current water supply demands and fire flow conditions to satisfy Ontario Building Code requirements for occupancy and on-site fire suppression. The detailed design considered the future growth of park amenities and programming and best management practices for construction utilizing proper erosion and sediment control (ESC) and restoration plans to mitigate impacts.

RATIONALE

TRCA has completed detailed design drawings and have submitted permit applications to agencies having jurisdiction on the review and approval of watermain infrastructure in April 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the permitting process was delayed which in turn delayed the release of the tender call for general contractors. TRCA's Engineer has received agency review comments and is currently working in a timely manner to address those comments. TRCA staff are currently preparing tender documents in anticipation of obtaining all permits in July 2021. It is expected that TRCA staff will likely be in a position to award this tender in August. The cost savings and site conditions for implementing watermain work during more ideal weather will benefit the project by helping to maintain the project schedule.

To maintain momentum on this project, staff request that the Board of Directors grant delegated Authority to the CEO to award Contract 10033033 between the June 2021 and September 2021 Board of Directors' meetings to ensure timely implementation of this project. If the contract is awarded in accordance with the recommendations outlined in this report, staff will prepare a report for the Board of Directors Meeting #6/21 scheduled for September 24, 2021 to provide the Board with the contract award information.

Relationship to Building the Living City, the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan

This report supports the following strategies set forth in the TRCA 2013-2022 Strategic Plan:

Strategy 3 – Rethink greenspace to maximize its value

Strategy 5 – Foster sustainable citizenship

FINANCIAL DETAILS

Funds for the contract will be recovered from the Region of Peel Asset Management Implementation. Expenses are being tracked through account code 006-63.

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