

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 25, 2020

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: David Armstrong, A/Director of Roads & Public Works

SUBJECT: Award of Contract – Potable Water Storage Facility – PW-20-06

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Committee of the Whole Recommend that Council approve the contract for Tender No. PW-20-06, Water Storage Facility, be awarded to J.C. Sulpher Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$2,985,765.00 (HST not included).

BACKGROUND:

Mississippi Mills identified the need for redundancy in the water distribution system and proposed the construction of a potable water storage facility during the 2020 Budget process. Mississippi Mills hired J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. to complete a formalized design and engineered drawings for the project. Mississippi Mills staff worked in close consultation with consulting engineers and lead staff at Ontario Clean Water Association (OCWA) in developing the scope of this work to ensure familiarity and understanding with the new components being added to our water distribution system.

DISCUSSION:

Roads & Public Works released Tender No. PW-20-06 on June 18, 2020. It was posted on our website, the local newspaper and on MERX. The original closing date was July 16, 2020, at 2:00pm, however through requests of prospective bidders, Roads & Public Works extended the closing date to July 30, 2020, at 2:00pm. At the time of closing there were five (5) permissible bids for the project. They are outlined in the chart below:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Submitted Amount (excluding HST)</u>
BGL Contractors Corp.	\$3,198,600.00
Thomas Fuller Construction Co. Ltd.	\$3,275,520.00
Argue Construction Ltd.	\$3,284,329.88
J.C. Sulpher Construction Ltd.	\$2,985,765.00
Black & McDonald	\$3,164,039.00

OPTIONS:

Option 1: Accept the bid submitted by J.C. Sulpher Construction Ltd. While Mississippi Mills does not have any previous contracted works with J.C. Sulpher Construction Ltd., they have an exceptional reputation in the civil construction industry and have completed notable projects in the local area, including the Bridge Street Pumping Station Rehabilitation project in Carleton Place this year, completing the James Street Booster Pumping Station upgrades for Utilities Kingston in 2016-2018, and the Water Treatment Plant Residue Management project for Perth in 2017-2018. It was noted in the review period that the irregularities noted in the Letter of Recommendation from J.L. Richards and Associates Ltd. that the seals were present on page 5 and page 7 on the Form of Tender; they were not visible on the scanned versions sent to the consultant.

Option 2: Accept one of the higher submitted bids. The second lowest submitted bid was from Black & McDonald.

Option 3: Do not accept any of the submitted bids and re-tender. This is not recommended.


FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The submitted bid from J.C. Sulpher Construction Ltd. is within the budgeted amount in the 2020 Capital Budget, as approved by Council, including contract administration costs being provided by J.L. Richards and Associates Ltd. as obtained through our standing offer agreement.

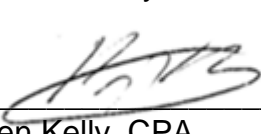
SUMMARY:

A total of five (5) tender submissions for Tender No. PW-20-06 – Water Storage Facility were received at the time of closing. J.C. Sulpher Construction Ltd. submitted the lowest bid at \$2,985,765.00 (HST not included) to complete the required works. The associated costs are within the 2020 Roads & Public Works Department budget.

Respectfully submitted by,


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Reviewed by,


Ken Kelly, CPA
CAO

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Recommendation from J.L. Richards.