

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS**

## **STAFF REPORT**

**DATE:** June 7, 2022

**TO:** Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** Cory Smith, A/Director of Roads and Public Works

**SUBJECT:** Award of Main St. Pedestrian Crossover

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that Council direct staff to award the contract for the works of installing a pedestrian crossing to Partham Engineering Ltd. in the amount of \$36,600.00 plus HST**

**AND THAT any cost above the \$28,000.00 allocated for this project in the 2022 Budget be assigned to the funds allocated in the budget for traffic calming.**

### **BACKGROUND:**

During deliberations for the 2022 Budget, Council approved \$28,000.00 to install a pedestrian crossing (PXO) at the OVRT crossing on Main Street similar to that installed by Lanark County at the OVRT crossing on Bridge Street (A County Road).

Works related to traffic lights and pedestrian crossing are operated and maintained by Partham Engineering Ltd. Partham also completes similar works for Lanark County and many of our neighboring municipalities. All PXO's in Mississippi Mills whether owned by Mississippi Mills or Lanark County have been installed, operated and maintained by Partham.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Public Works reached out to Partham to obtain a quote for the works of installing a PXO at the location of the OVRT crossing on Main St. The quote for the installation of a PXO in this location came in over the cost carried in the 2022 Budget based on previous installations. The quotation carried a cost for installation of \$36,600.00 plus HST.

**OPTIONS:**

1. Defer the project until 2023 and include additional funds in the budget to complete the project.
2. Award the project to Partham and use additional funds from the traffic calming account to cover the difference.
3. Put the works out to tender.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The 2022 Budget carried \$28,000.00 for the Main Street PXO. The budget also carried \$30,000.00 for traffic calming measures. The PXO can fit into the category of traffic calming. Within the \$30,000.00 for traffic calming, approximately \$9,000.00 was spent purchasing 2 Black Cat traffic/speed monitors. Staff have also been investigating newer technologies for digital speed display signs and feel that we can purchase 2 speed display signs for under \$10,000.00. This would leave approximately \$11,000.00 to cover the cost overage on the Pedestrian Crossing at Main Street.

**SUMMARY:**

Partham Engineering Ltd. has installed all of Mississippi Mills PXO's, and operates and maintains all our PXO's and traffic lights in Mississippi Mills on our behalf. They are a trusted source and have a good working relationship with staff. The cost increase could be covered under the traffic calming budget included in the 2022 Budget. Using new technologies will allow us to obtain 2 portable traffic speed signs with the remaining money. As such it is recommended that the works be awarded to Parham Engineering and the project proceed with the funds for the additional costs being allocated to the traffic calming budget.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by:

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Cory Smith,  
A/Director of Public Works

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Ken Kelly,  
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. None