

CITY OF WHITEHORSE
SPECIAL Council Meeting #2019-24

DATE: December 23, 2019

TIME: 12:00 noon

Mayor Dan Curtis
Deputy Mayor Samson Hartland
Reserve Deputy Mayor Laura Cabott

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER 12:00 noon

AGENDA Adoption

PROCLAMATIONS

MINUTES

DELEGATIONS

PUBLIC HEARING

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Budget Amendment and Contract Award – Mt. McIntyre Ski Bridge Repair Project

BYLAWS

ADJOURNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Administration
DATE: December 23, 2019
RE: Budget Amendment and Contract Award – Mt McIntyre Ski Bridge Repair

ISSUE

Budget amendment and contract award for the Mt McIntyre Ski Bridge Repair project.

REFERENCE

RFT 2019-081 – Mount McIntyre Ski Bridge Repair
2019-2022 Capital Budget Project 240c00819 – Mt McIntyre Ski Bridge Repair

HISTORY

Following the collision of a waste removal truck into the Mt McIntyre ski bridge on July 16th, 2019, the City initiated a claim with our insurance provider to recover damages as a result of the collision.

On September 23, 2019, Council authorized administration to proceed with removal of the bridge and exploration of options for temporary and permanent solutions. Further investigation determined that a long term solution to repair the bridge in place was feasible.

On October 15, 2019, Council authorized administration to proceed with the detailed design of the bridge repair for an in-place solution as recommended by the insurance company's technical insurance advisor in consultation with the City's bridge engineering consultant. The detailed design includes raising the bridge by approximately 40 cm. This will alleviate some risk of future collisions, which can be further mitigated through placement of warning devices on the bridge. The final design will provide a long term solution for this recreational asset.

To help prepare potential bidders, prior to the release of the tender a notice was posted on the City's e-procurement platform advising the bidding community of this upcoming opportunity and explaining the accelerated timelines with this procurement.

The RFT for the Mt. McIntyre Bridge Repair project was advertised on the City's website and in local newspapers. The RFT documents were made available on December 2, 2019 via the City's procurement platform www.whitehorse.bonfirehub.ca. An optional site visit was held on December 6, 2019.

The tender closed on December 18, 2019 and one compliant submission was received:

- P.S. Sidhu Trucking Ltd.

The low bidder was P.S. Sidhu Trucking Ltd., with a bid of \$792,200 not including GST.

However, on December 19, 2019, the insurance adjuster advised that the insurer is expecting a contribution from the City to account for damage from an earlier collision with the bridge that was not repaired.

Administration was advised by the adjuster that efforts would be made to obtain a final offer from the insurer on Friday, December 20, 2019. No such offer was received prior to the completion of this Administrative Report.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Amend the capital budget and authorize Administration to award the contract as recommended.
2. Refer the proposed budget amendment and contract award back to Administration for further analysis.

ANALYSIS

The review of the bids by an internal committee included checking for completeness, mathematical errors, and proper tender security.

The review committee agreed that the low bidder is familiar with the scope of work and has the knowledge and experience to complete the work successfully. The prices submitted are reasonable given the current market and the expectation that the construction will occur imminently in the winter season.

The project completion date in the tender is February 28, 2020. This date is two weeks prior to the commencement of the 2020 Arctic Winter Games. Timely completion of the bridge reconstruction will enable resumed trail access for recreational users of the bridge during one of the busiest times of the winter season and will also assist with hosting the Arctic Winter Games.

Although the Arctic Winter Games would be able to proceed if the bridge repairs do not occur in time for the Games, logistical staging and volunteer support for the cross country ski events during the Games becomes more challenging.

The existing impact of the bridge being unavailable on Whitehorse skiers is reduced access to the trails, particularly the easier trails often favoured by recreational skiers. Some skiers have taken to crossing Sumanik Road on foot to access the trails, in turn creating some safety concerns during non-daylight hours. There are currently 1,275 members of the Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club.

It is intended that funding for the repair project will be recovered through the insurance claim. However, at this time the amount of the proceeds of the claim is unknown. In the meantime, in the interests of meeting the AWG timeline, the alternative is for the project to be funded from the City's capital reserve at the outset, with any funds received from the insurer to be returned to the reserve.

RECOMMENDATION (A mover and seconder will be required)

THAT the 2019 to 2022 capital expenditure program be amended by increasing the 2019 Mt. McIntyre Ski Bridge Repair project in the amount of \$756,026.15 to a total of \$954,026.15 funded from the capital reserve and with any insurance proceeds to be returned to the capital reserve when received; and

THAT Administration be authorized to award the construction contract for the Mt McIntyre Ski Bridge Repair project to P.S. Sidhu Trucking Ltd. for a net cost to the City of \$790,200 plus GST.