

## **Report to Committee of the Whole**

**Date:** 4/14/2025  
**From:** Chad Kean, Manager of Public Works  
**Re:** Award Ditching Tender

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive this report for information;

AND THAT the Committee directs staff to bring the final request to award the Ditching Tender to Tarstone Canada Ltd. as outlined in this report, to the April 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting.

### **BACKGROUND**

The PW Department created a tender for ditching requirements for various roads throughout the municipality. The 2025 tender was created with an hourly ditching rate, an hourly rock breaking rate, and float charge.

The 2025 budget allocated \$30,000 for ditching operations.

### **ANALYSIS**

The importance to undertake ditching along the Village roads is vital in order to assist with adequate drainage after seasonal rain as well as during the thawing season. This therefore decreases maintenance as well as increases the efficiency of the road by avoiding stream erosion on the shoulders and surface of gravel roads, as well as reduces the possibility of washouts.

A tender was created and posted on Biddngo and the Village website on February 26 and closed March 28, 2025. The intended roads identified in the tender were Pioneer, Bolton, and Armstrong, with 'other roads that may be selected by the Village'.

Currently this operation is contracted out, however staff may present further options / discussion points in the coming months for Council's consideration.

### **BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The 2025 Budget allocated \$30,000 toward Ditching Operations throughout the Township.

The tender requested a bid for an hourly rate for ditching, an hourly rate for rock breaking, and a float charge rate.

Of the three received bids, the following is provided for reference:

<b><i>TarStone Contracting</i></b> (Both Gravel and Hard Surface)	Hourly Ditching	\$ 180	Float \$ 475
	Hourly Rock	\$ 320	
<b><i>Tackaberry Construction</i></b> (Both Gravel and Hard Surface)	Hourly Ditching	\$ 360	Float \$ 200
	Hourly Rock	\$ 500	
<b><i>Shade Group</i></b> (Both Gravel and Hard Surface)	Hourly Ditching	\$ 295	Float \$ 300
	Hourly Rock	\$ 400	

In order to maintain within the budgeted amount for the specific ditching operations, Public Works staff would be responsible for determining the required roads for ditching and to track the ongoing hourly rate(s) for appropriate reconciliation.

## CONCLUSION

### **Option 1 – Recommended.**

Award the ditching to Tarstone Contracting Ltd.

### **Option 2 – Not Recommended.**

Council may choose to award the ditching tender to another contractor.

## OTHERS CONSULTED

Public Works Staff

## ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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