



Village of Merrickville Wolford

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Re: Award Ditching Tender

The Committee of the Whole of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its meeting on April 14, 2025, passed the following motion regarding the Public Works Report: Award Ditching Tender:

Moved by: Mayor Cameron

Seconded by: Councillor Maitland

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 28th Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

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 28th 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:

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

Submitted by:

Chad Kean, Manager of Public Works

Approved by:

Darlene Plumley, CAO