

## COUNCIL REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** October 16, 2023  
**Department:** Engineering and Public Works  
**Report No.:** EPW-2023-60  
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**Submitted by:** Jake Straus, Director of Engineering and Public Works  
**Approved by:** Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer

**SUBJECT:** Public Works Department Paint Machine

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**RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive Report EPW-2023-60 Public Works Department Paint Machine for information; and further,**

**THAT: Council approve the purchase of a Graco Paint Machine from Airless Repair Guy in the amount of \$28,055 plus HST.**

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Public Works department is responsible for maintaining and improving the infrastructure of our municipality. We have witnessed a steady increase in the demand for efficient maintenance services, which includes annual line painting throughout the municipality. The department's existing paint machine is out dated which leads to more maintenance and is creating a challenge to meet the service demands of our community.

### **COMMENTS:**

Following the capital budget being passed by Council on June 5, 2023, the Public Works department initiated a selection process to identify the most suitable paint machine that aligns with our requirements. The 2023 budget includes \$20,000 for the purchase of a new paint machine. The current paint machine is approximately 20 years old and requires more maintenance each year. The Public Works department engaged with neighbouring municipalities and determined a specific model based on their specifications, durability, and maintenance costs. The paint machine selected is a very durable machine and requires very little annual maintenance like screen cleaning and hydraulic fluid change. The addition of this paint machine will enhance our Public Works department's ability to efficiently keep up with line painting throughout the municipality.

The sole source award is recommended to go to Airless Repair Guy which is a local company in Strathroy that distributes Graco products.

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| 1. Airless Repair Guy – Graco | \$28,055.00 |
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After evaluating and demoing, the Public Works department determined the Graco paint machine as the best option for the municipality due to performance capabilities, ease of maintenance, and an onboard compressor to provide pressurized glass bead application. The price includes training the staff on daily best practices for preventative maintenance to get the most out of the machine and long term storage instructions.

**CONSULTATION:**

The evaluation process was in consultation with

- Director of Engineering and Public Works
- Manager of Public Works
- Public Works Operators

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The approved budget allotted \$20,000 for a new paint machine. The additional cost of \$8,055 will be covered by the remaining funds from the tractor purchase that was \$16,887.58 under budget.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Local Infrastructure

- The continued focus on timely infrastructure upgrades supports the Corporate Mission for local infrastructure by effective, financially responsible and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A