

Meeting Date: July 15, 2024
Department: Engineering & Public Works
Report No.: EPW-2024-57
Submitted by: Paul Zuberbuhler, Manager of Environmental Services
Approved by: Trisha McKibbin, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Darcy Drive Copper Water Service Replacements - Tender Award**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive Report EPW 2024-50 Darcy Drive Copper Water Service Replacements - Tender Award for information, and further; THAT: Council award the Darcy Drive Copper Water Service Replacements in the amount of \$78,196 (incl HST) to Master Utility Division Inc.

BACKGROUND:

There have been several copper services replaced along Darcy Drive due to premature failure. When the copper service issues started, 19 anodes were installed on services that were accessible and 16 services have been repaired to date. Most of these repairs have been done on an emergency basis. In order to be proactive, Staff issued a Request for Tender to provide all labour, equipment and materials to replace copper water services on Darcy Drive. The replacements will include replacing the nine identified copper service lines from the watermain to the property line (curbstop) with Municipex. This will include locating, excavation, replacement, and rehabilitation/restoration of disturbed surface areas. Eight of the properties were selected based on being more difficult to replace (such as in concrete driveways or watermain is across the street) and the last one due to the close proximity of another service being replaced. None of these services have had an anode installed on them.

Staff prepared a Request for Tender and it was advertised through the Bids & Tenders website.

COMMENTS:

The tender for the Darcy Drive Water Service Replacements closed on June 17, 2024 with four bids being received.

The following are the results:

Company	Price (incl HST)
Master Utility Division Inc	\$78,196.00
ASG Excavating Inc	\$101,341.54
Cope Construction & Contracting Inc.	\$161,323.32
Ron Van Manen Trucking Inc	\$219,892.35

Staff have reviewed the bids and recommend with proceeding with Master Utility Division Inc.

CONSULTATION:

The preparation of this report and recommendation was completed in consultation with:

- Chief Administrative Officer
- Director of Financial Services
- Operations Staff

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The amount requested for approval is:

- Master Utility Division Inc \$78,196
- Contingency \$8,000

There was \$80,000 in the 2024 approved water capital budget, therefore this project will be within budget should no more than \$1800 of contingency is required. Should contingency over the \$1800 be required, the remaining amount would come from water reserves.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO THE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Council to provide alternate direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This matter is in accord with the following strategic priorities:

Local Infrastructure and Capital Investment: Households and businesses in Strathroy-Caradoc will be supported by reliable, financially responsible, and well-maintained infrastructure networks.

ATTACHMENTS:

- None