

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: April 22, 2025
Department: Engineering and Public Works
Report No.: EPW-2025-21
Prepared by: Steve Morriss, Drainage Superintendent
Submitted by: Mark Ortiz, Director, Engineering and Public Works
Approved by: Rob Browning, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: **Tender Award - Fourth Concession Drain 2025**

RECOMMENDATION: THAT: Council receive Report EPW-2025-21 “Tender Award – Fourth Concession Drain 2025” for information, and further;

THAT: Council award the Fourth Concession Drain 2025 project to McNally Excavating in the amount of \$232,800.00 excluding HST.

BACKGROUND:

A Request for Major Drain Improvement was received by the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc on May 2, 2024. Council accepted the request on June 3, 2024 and appointed Spriet Associates Ltd. to prepare the engineer’s report.

The required on-site meeting was held on July 9, 2024 with the affected landowners. Following the meeting, an assessed landowner in the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex expressed their need for a municipal drain branch and wanted to add their lands to the Strathroy-Caradoc improvement project. This prompted a Petition for New Drainage Works to the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex Council, who accepted the petition and appointed Spriet Associates Ltd. to the existing Request for Major Drain Improvement appointment in the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc.

The engineer conducted investigations of the existing drain conditions on September 17 and October 4, 2024 with further data collected on November 19, 2024. The results determined that the existing tile portions of the drain are considerably undersized by today's standards but the main drain appears to be in working condition. Investigations further determined that the existing Branch A is functioning adequately but there were several indications of frequent flooding in many low-lying areas of the watershed.

On December 12, 2024 the municipality held an informal public meeting to present the preliminary design and cost distribution prepared by the engineers. Further input by the affected landowners was provided at that time and during later exchanges.

On February 3, 2025, Council held the statutory meeting to consider the final engineer's report, EPW-2025-06, and to adopt the report by by-law where the first and second reading was given for provisional By-law #09-25. On March 3, 2025, Council held the required Court of Revision to hear any appeals pertaining to assessments. No appeals were heard and Council gave a 3rd and final reading of By-Law #09-25.

COMMENTS:

A formal tender process was completed by the municipality where we received five (5) bids to construct the project. Below are the summaries of the bids received on March 25, 2025.

Fourth Concession Drain Branches 2025 – Drain Improvement Project	
Vendor	Price Excl. HST
McNally Excavating	\$ 232,800.00
Van Bree Infrastructure	\$ 253,448.60
St. Clair Mechanical	\$ 255,648.00
A.G. Hayter Contracting Ltd.	\$ 268,712.00
Robinson Farm Drainage	\$ 386,928.00

McNally Excavating submitted the lowest bid to construct the project, has adequate experience with Municipal Drain improvements, and is recommended to be awarded the contract for the Forth Concession Drain 2025.

CONSULTATION:

The following were consulted:

- Manager of Public Works

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The lowest bid to construct the project is \$232,800.00 by McNally Excavating.
- Total estimated costs to be assessed to the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc for its road portion is approximately \$50,629.00.

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:

- Spriet Associates Ltd. Report on the Fourth Concession Drain 2025
- Spriet Associates Ltd. Recommendation Letter on the Fourth Concession Drain 2025