

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 18, 2007

TENDER AWARD – T07-075 VALVE EXERCISING PROGRAM

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, in consultation with Purchasing Services Department, recommends that this report be received for information purposes.

Economic Impact

Funding in the order of \$50,000 has been included in the draft 2007 Water Budget to cover the cost of this work.

Although the funds have been included in the draft 2007 Water Budget, the necessary resources have not been formally allocated and approved.

Communications Plan

Tender T07-075 was advertised in the Vaughan Citizen (City Page), on the Ontario Public Buyers Association (OPBA) and on the Electronic Tendering Network (ETN), and closes on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Tender closing for Valve Exercising Program T07-075, on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

Background - Analysis and Options

Valve excising is a necessary part of the City's waterworks system. The American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards require all municipal owned valves be exercised throughout the City's infrastructure on a rotational basis, once per year. By doing this work, it will increase the life of the valves and fittings. In order to complete this work, and minimize problems from taking place, the Public Works Department requires the assistance of contracted forces to exercise, test, and ascertain that each valve is operational. At the same time, it is necessary for the contractor to identify all deficiencies, including broken, inoperable, or lost valves, so water staff can schedule repairs in order to minimize disruptions of water services to customers.

A tender has been called (T07-075) for these services and it will close on Tuesday, June 12, 2007. Due to the timing of the Agenda deadlines, and the need to check references and mathematical calculations, staff will report the results of the tender to Council on Monday, June 25th, 2007, with the intent to begin the valve exercising program in July.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, specifically Vaughan Vision: A-1 "Pursue Excellence in the Delivery of Core Services", and A-2 "Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness".

Regional Implications

The City's contract does not impact the Region's operations, as they maintain their own valves.

Conclusion

This report is to inform Council of the upcoming results for Tender T07-075 Valve Exercising Program, which is scheduled to close on Tuesday June 12, 2007. The results and recommendation will be presented to Council on their meeting of June 25, 2007.

Attachments

N/A

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