



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Sean McGhee
DATE: 18/06/2018
SUBJECT: Roadside Mower Procurement
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report of the Director of Public Works, dated June 18th, 2018 regarding the procurement of one (1) roadside mower for information;

And Further That the purchase of one (1) Votex Jumbo Frontline 190 Roadside Mower, in the amount of \$23,743.⁵² plus applicable taxes from Colvoy Enterprises 2012 Ltd. be authorized.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Public Works department performs roadside mowing to control vegetation growth in the rural areas of the Township throughout the growing season.

A Tender calling for quotes for the supply of a suitably sized front mount flail type mower was released, closing on June 8th, 2018. In total, four (4) firms responded with pricing to supply and deliver the unit. Submissions excluding taxes were as follows:

- Metal Pless - \$24,300.⁰⁰
- Roberts Farm Equipment Sales - \$24,200.⁰⁰
- Total Equipment Rentals - \$24,000.⁰⁰
- Colvoy Equipment 2012 Ltd. - \$23,743.⁵²

All firms met minimum specification in the units quoted with no bid irregularities noted. Colvoy Equipment provided the lowest price for a unit at \$23,743.⁵² plus applicable taxes.

DISCUSSION

There are numerous reasons supporting a routine structured maintenance program for management of roadside vegetation. Improved sight lines for motorists, road sign visibility, control of invasive vegetation and aesthetics are just a few of the operational benefits.

The Township has both tendered the service and performed the work in house in the past. It was determined through review of past programs that tendering for the equipment and performing the duties utilizing municipal forces was the best operational approach. The existing unit is an older flail mower and requires extensive repair to return to service.

The unit that was specified in the tender is a front mounted unit which will allow the operator a better sightline during operation and is expected to reduce likelihood of damage to the unit while increasing productivity through reduced operator fatigue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This work has been performed in the past through the use of contracted service providers. Recorded cost for roadside mowing was \$23,665.¹⁸ in 2015 and \$24,020.¹⁶ in 2016. This unit is expected to remain in service for a number of years which should significantly reduce the cost associated with roadside mowing in the Rural areas.

A total of \$25,000.⁰⁰ for the purchase was included in the 2018 Operating Budget. The total cost of the recommended unit is \$24,161.41 including adjusted taxes.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

None at this time

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This project relates to **Goal No. 4** of the Strategic Plan in that the administration is fiscally responsible and strives for operational excellence,



Sean McGhee, Director of Public Works



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