

VIA email

March 27th, 2025

Corporation of the Town of Essex
Attn: Lindsay Dean, B.Sc., Drainage Superintendent
33 Talbot Street South
Essex, Ontario
N8M 1A8

Dear Lindsay:

**WALKER DRAIN
(Repairs and Improvements)
Geographic Twp. of Colchester North
Project REI2022D008
Town of Essex, County of Essex**

Tenders for the above noted project closed on Wednesday March 26th and were opened shortly afterwards by the Town. The documents were emailed to our office and reviewed. Five (5) Tenders were received for this project, and these may be summarized as follows:

ITEM No.	CONTRACTOR	TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	TOTAL TENDER	COMPLETION TIME
1.	Mark G. Contracting Inc.	\$511,392.23	\$452,559.50	16 weeks
2.	St. Clair Mechanical Inc.	\$527,048.95	\$466,415.00	6-8 weeks
3.	South Shore Contracting of Essex County Inc.	\$699,311.80	\$618,860.00	8 weeks
4.	Murray Mills Excavating & Trucking (Sarnia) Ltd.	\$701,860.52	\$621,115.50	12 weeks
5.	Nevan Construction Inc.	\$878,801.00	\$777,700.00	10 weeks

All of the Contractors have provided a Bid Bond or equivalent as set out in the tender form.

The Mark G. Contracting Tender is generally complete and accurate. Due to current tax policies the net cost to the Town and to be assessed to the affected owners will be the \$460,524.55 Total

for Construction excluding contingency items, if there are no contract changes during construction. The Mark G. Contracting price of \$511,392.23 is slightly above the Engineer's Report Estimate of \$466,529.54 by approximately 9.6% and is well within the 33% limit set out in the Drainage Act. We also find the unit prices generally appear to be fair and balanced. The price for this Tender is reasonably lower than the other Tenders for the work.

The next lowest Tender of St. Clair Mechanical is at 113.0% of the Engineer's Estimate. The Tender is complete and accurate and appears balanced. The tender by South Shore Contracting came in at 149.9% of the estimate with the tender appearing to be complete and accurate.

Based on all of the above, we would recommend that the Town enter into an Agreement with Mark G. Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$511,392.23. This amount includes \$58,832.73 Harmonized Sales Tax (H.S.T.). This Tenderer for the project has indicated a longer construction time so we expect that construction for this project should be able to commence as soon as a Contract has been completed and after the fish window opens and the Contractor can schedule its forces. Upon receipt of further instructions from the Town, we will prepare the Agreement form for the construction of the works and arrange for the Contractor and the Town to sign them based on the Contractor selected by the Town.

We trust that the above is sufficient for your purposes. Should there be any questions regarding same, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We respectfully remain,

Yours very truly,

Rood Engineering Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerard Rood". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Gerard Rood, P.Eng.

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