



Report to Council

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Capital Works and Asset Management

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Subject: Colchester Village Water Service Replacement and Road Rehabilitation, Phase 1 Tender Results

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Recommendation(s)

That Capital Works and Asset Management-2026-06 entitled Colchester Village Water Service Replacement and Road Rehabilitation, Phase 1 Tender Results by David McBeth, Manager, Capital Work & Asset Management dated April 20, 2026 be received, and

That Council award the Colchester Village Water Service Replacement and Road Rehabilitation, Phase 1 Tender (RFT-ID-26-007) to Rapid Drainage Ltd. in the amount of \$ 862,914.62, including non-refundable Harmonized Sales Tax, and

That Council award the contract administration and onsite inspection, including as-built drawings, and end of maintenance services to RC Spencer Associates in the amount of \$71,435.52, including non-refundable HST in accordance with the completed request under Section 22 of the Town of Essex Procurement By-Law 2437 (attached), and

That Council approve the additional funding of \$ 38,331.20, including non-refundable HST above the approved Watermain Replacement project (WW-26-0001) for RC Spencer Associates consulting fees from the Town's Water Reserve for Ward 3.

Purpose

In accordance with the Town Procurement By-Law Number 2437, a Request for Tender (RFT) was issued for watermain and road rehabilitation work in Colchester Village. Since the cost estimate including in the successful proponent's RFT is greater than \$330,000.00, Council's authorization is required to approve the project. In addition, Council's approval is required for the additional funding for RC Spencer Associates and to waive the requirement for proposals, tender and quotations for consulting and professional services under Section 22.02 of the Town's Procurement and Disposal of Goods and Services By-Law.

Background and Discussion

The Town of Essex sought Tenders from qualified contractors for the water service replacement and asphalt road rehabilitation for Phase 1 in Colchester Village, which included the replacement of various water services and full-depth milling and paving of Harrison Street from Dunn Road to County Road 13, and Jackson Street, Sydenham Street and Bagot Street from County Road 50 to Harrison Street, per the image on the next page.



The replacement of the water services was identified by the Environmental Services division due to many issues with service connections breaks requiring repair.

As the asphalt road is also in need of replacement as it is currently rated “poor and serious” in the Town’s roads management software Citylogix. The roadways are to be milled to the granular base, where the granular base is to be inspected and repaired as required. The granular base will then be recompact, followed by two lifts of asphalt pavement.

A Request for Tender following the guidelines as set out in the Town’s Procurement By-Law Number 2437 for the water service replacement and asphalt works, conducted by RC Spencer Associates Inc., including being posted on the Town’s website, and closed on April 1, 2026 at 3:00:00 PM.

Eight (8) Tenders were received and reviewed for arithmetic errors, completeness, legibility, revisions, and irregularities. The tenders were reviewed by Administration and RC Spencer

Associates, and there were no apparent unbalanced prices in the Schedule of Items and Prices. The results of the submitted tender prices are noted in table below:

Name of Tenderer	Total Tender Price (excluding tax)	Total Tender Price including non-refundable Harmonized Sales Tax (1.76%)
Rapid Drainage Ltd.	\$ 847,990.00	\$ 862,914.62
Sterling Ridge Infrastructure Inc.	\$ 993,000.00	\$ 1,010,476.80
Rudak Excavating Inc.	\$ 997,150.00	\$ 1,014,699.84
Sherway Contracting (Windsor) Ltd.	\$ 1,011,786.00	\$ 1,029,593.43
Nevan Construction Inc.	\$ 1,077,750.00	\$ 1,096,718.40
Shearock Construction Group Inc.	\$ 1,090,200.00	\$ 1,109,387.52
Oldcastle Contracting Inc.	\$ 1,218,800.00	\$1,240,250.88
D'Amore Construction (2000) Ltd.	\$ 1,237,480.00	\$ 1,259,259.65

Per RC Spencer’s recommendation in a letter received by the Town on April 8, 2026, they recommended awarding the contract to Rapid Drainage Ltd. Rapid Drainage Ltd has successfully completed numerous similar projects with Southwestern Ontario and possesses the experience to successfully execute and complete the work as required by this Tender.

As the engineering consultant that designed and tendered this contract on behalf of the Town, Capital Works and Environmental Services is requesting that they be sole sourced for the contract administration and onsite inspection services. Based on 40 working days of contract administration and inspection, and additional services outside of the original scope including geotechnical coordination assistance and as-built drawings, the expected cost for this work is \$71,435.52 including NRHST. Based on the tender results, only \$33,104.32 will be remaining in the \$400,000 budget, Capital Works and Environmental Services is requesting an additional \$38,331.20 in funding from the Water Reserve for Ward 3 to cover this expense.

Financial Impact

The cost of the road work portion of this project's tender is \$ 505,991.42 including non-refundable HST. The funding would come through the 2026 Hot Mix Asphalt Resurfacing Program Budget (PW-26-0011). Based on the tender results from the County of Essex's mill and pave project, this project fits within budget.

The cost of the construction portion of the watermain works of this project is \$356,923.20 including non-refundable HST. The funding for this project in the Capital Budget was \$400,000.00 through the Watermain Replacement project (WW-26-0001), so this project tender falls within budget.

The remaining budget is insufficient to cover the expected consulting fee costs for this project, as such Administration is requesting that Council fund the additional expense through the Town's Water Lifecycle Reserve for Ward 3. The 2024 Water Rate Study, approved by Council, incorporates reserve contributions for water main replacement costs as identified in the Town's Asset Management Plan. Based on planned capital expenditures set out in the rate study, this reserve has sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project without any adverse impact to the water rates set out in the study. Additionally, the replacement of these water services will reduce operational costs due to lower maintenance and repairs in the future.

Consultations

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Rob Mackie, Manager, Environmental Services

Link to Strategic Priorities

- Embrace asset management best practices to build, maintain, and continuously improve our municipally owned infrastructure.
- Leverage our Town's competitive advantages to promote jobs and economic investment.
- Take care of our natural environment and strengthen the sense of belonging to everyone who makes Essex "home".
- Deliver friendly customer service in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner while providing an exceptional working environment for our employees.
- Build corporate-level and community-level climate resilience through community engagement and partnership and corporate objectives.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



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