



**District of
North Saanich**

STAFF REPORT

To: Tim Tanton
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: April 28, 2020

From: Eymond Toupin
Director of Infrastructure Services

Re: **Tender Award – Scoter Trail Phase 2 Upgrades (2020-04-ENG-TDR)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the award of the Scoter Trail Phase 2 Upgrades (2020-04-ENG-TDR) to Draycor Construction Ltd. at a total bid of \$580,868.00 (excluding taxes).

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

This matter relates to the following Council strategic priorities:

Protect and Enhance Rural, Agricultural, Heritage, Marine and Environmental Resources

Maintain a Safe and Healthy Community

Maintain a Strong Sense of Community

Ensure Strong Leadership, Fiscal Responsibility and Transparent Government

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Scoter Trail is a recreational trail which follows the Patricia Bay shoreline from Patricia Bay Park to the Tseycum First Nation. The southern section of the trail has previously been upgraded including foreshore protection. The section of the trail north of Munro Road is in poor condition due to erosion from wave action and is in need of rehabilitation in order to be re-instated for public use. The rehabilitation of the north section of the Scoter Trail is one the District's strategic priorities.

Through a competitive RFP process, Great Pacific Engineering and Environment was selected to provide engineering services for the design and re-construction of the north section of the Scoter Trail.

Bid documents and drawings were generated for these works and issued for tender on Friday, March 6th. The tender closed on Thursday, April 9th and ten bids were received as summarized in Table 1.

DISCUSSION:

Table 1: Tenders Received

Bidder	Bid Value Excluding Taxes
Draycor Construction Ltd.	\$580,868.00
Scansa Construction Ltd.	\$616,206.50
G&E Contracting LP	\$646,500.00
Copcan Civil Ltd.	\$668,663.80
Western Watershed Designs Inc.	\$697,930.00
Northridge Excavating Ltd.	\$787,590.68
Don Mann Excavating Ltd.	\$988,998.00
Verasco Contracting Ltd.	\$991,150.50
Heavy Metal Marine Ltd.	\$1,654,321.75
Sparker Construction Ltd.	\$1,810,099.54

The lowest bid of \$580,868.00 was received from Draycor Construction Ltd. This bid was significantly lower than the cost estimate which had been provided by the design consultant and the \$1,498,000 included the District's 2020 budget for this capital project. Overall, the prices submitted appear to be generally consistent, with the lowest five bids within approximately \$120,000 of one another. All of the bids were compliant with the submission requirements. The design consultant recommends award to Draycor Construction as their bid provides the best value to the District and the contractor has experience performing similar work.

In accordance with the tender documents, the bids are valid for 60 days from tender close which was April 9th. Staff recommend Council authorize award which could allow construction to begin on July 1st when the fisheries window begins. There are a number of permits required, including those issued by the Provincial Archeological Branch, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and Transport Canada. The archeological process will involve discussions with our local First Nations on this project, particularly with Tseycum FN, including cultural monitoring requirements during construction and possibly other considerations.

Should Council authorize award, staff will delay formally notifying the successful contractor until all permits are received. Although staff is reasonably confident these processes will successfully conclude, it is prudent to delay notifying the contractor to avoid having to cancel the contract if one of these processes encounters a significant obstacle preventing construction within this summer's fisheries window. Staff will report back to Council if there are impediments to completing the construction this summer as planned.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Scoter Trail rehabilitation project, including the design and contract administration services, is being funded from the Gas Tax Reserve. The District's 2020 capital budget includes a total of \$1,498,000 for this project.

CONCLUSION:

The rehabilitation of the north section of the Scoter Trail is one the District's strategic priorities. Bid documents and drawings were generated for these works and issued for tender and ten bids were received at close on Thursday April 9th. Staff respectfully submit the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the award of the Scoter Trail Phase 2 Upgrades (2020-04-ENG-TDR) to Draycor Construction Ltd. at a total bid of \$580,868.00 (excluding taxes).

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence:


Eymond Toupin
Director of Infrastructure Services


Tim Tanton
Chief Administrative Officer


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Director of Financial Services