

To: COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 6/17/2025

Subject: **Black Bridge Road and Bridge Construction**

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Report No.: 25-027-CRS

File No.: T24-75

Wards Affected: All Wards

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Report 25-027-CRS – Black Bridge Road and Bridge Construction be received;
AND THAT, Request for Tender # T24-75 – Black Bridge Road and Bridge Construction be awarded to Sierra Bridge Inc. for \$16,911,765 net of applicable HST rebate.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose

This report provides information to Council on the tender for the construction of a new bridge over Speed River, improvements and reconstruction of Black Bridge Road from Baldwin Drive to Townline Road.

Key Findings

The City undertook a competitive process for qualified construction contractors in order to complete the reconstruction of Black Bridge Road and Bridge, including upgrades to the existing heritage structure, construction of a multi-use trail, storm sewer and storm water quality controls, railway crossing improvements, installation of street lights, landscaping and construction of new wetland area.

Financial Implications

The Blackbridge Road and Bridge Reconstruction project was approved through the 2024 Capital Budget. The City has since been successful in securing funding through the Provincial Housing Enabling Core Servicing (HECS) grant for up to a maximum of 50% of total eligible project costs or up to a maximum value of \$11,561,250 per the transfer payment agreement with the Province.

The tender came in under budget; however, the full budget allocation is being retained to maintain a 25% contingency, as permitted under the HECS grant funding guidelines. This approach ensures flexibility to manage unforeseen costs throughout the project lifecycle.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

☐ Strategic Action

Objective(s): Not Applicable

Strategic Action: Not Applicable

OR

☒ Core Service

Program: Procurement

Core Service: Procurement

BACKGROUND:

The City undertook a competitive tender process to procure professional construction services from a qualified vendor to perform reconstruction to Black Bridge Road and Bridge.

Request for Tender (RFT) T24-75 – Black Bridge Road and Bridge Reconstruction was issued on April 10th, 2025 and closed on May 22nd, 2025.

Tender results came in under budget as outlined in the Financial Impact section of this report below. Costs are considered an accurate reflection of current costs to complete the project.

It is recommended that the tender is approved for award, no additional funds are required for project completion.

ANALYSIS:

On April 10th, 2025 the City issued a Request for Tender on the City's e-bidding website.

Six (6) submissions were received at the time of the submission deadline. The lowest being Sierra Bridge Inc. Bid amounts are listed as follows, in order from lowest to highest:

Sierra Bridge Inc.	\$18,779,732.80
Network Sewer and Watermain Ltd.	\$19,722,676.76
Looby Builders (Dublin) Limited	\$19,772,517.46
Bel Air Excavating and Grading Ltd.	\$19,837,340.73
GIP Paving Inc.	\$20,018,455.39
EBC Inc.	\$23,882,634.00

* Inclusive of 13% HST

EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):

Under Article 6.1.2 of the Procurement By-Law 19-187, contracts that include third-party financing are subject to Council Approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Blackbridge Road and Bridge Reconstruction project was approved through the 2024 Capital Budget. The City has since been successful in securing funding through the Provincial Housing Enabling Core Servicing (HECS) grant for up to a maximum of 50% of total eligible project costs or up to a maximum value of \$11,561,250 per the transfer payment agreement with the Province. The change in funding related to the grant will be reflected in the April Capital Forecasting Report to Council.

The tender came in under budget; however, the full budget allocation is being retained to maintain a 25% contingency, as permitted under the HECS grant funding guidelines. This approach ensures flexibility to manage unforeseen costs throughout the project lifecycle. The tender bid includes contingency allowances for bridge and road construction, stormwater and electrical work, as well as environmental and wetland assessments to evaluate the potential impacts of construction activities.

Table 1 – Blackbridge Rd Design and Bridge Reconstruction

Project	Approved Budget	Tender T24-75*	Other Commitments*	Savings/ (Deficit)
A/00492-40 - Blackbridge Rd and Bridge Reconstruction	\$20,600,000	\$16,911,765	\$3,688,236	\$0
Total Project Savings/(Deficit)	\$20,600,000	\$16,911,765	\$3,688,236	\$0

*Net of Applicable HST Rebate

PUBLIC VALUE:

The public bidding process ensures the City maintains an open and transparent public process that provides accountability on the utilization of financial resources.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:

Not Applicable

PUBLIC INPUT:

Request for Tender # T24-75 – Black Bridge Road and Bridge Reconstruction was advertised on the City’s e-tendering site on April 10th, 2025 and closed on May 22nd, 2025.

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

The RFT documents were compiled by Procurement in assistance with the Engineering department.

CONCLUSION:

Staff are recommending award of Tender # T24-75 Black Bridge Road and Bridge Reconstruction to Sierra Bridge Inc. of Woodstock, ON in the amount of \$16,911,765 net of applicable HST rebate.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: **No**

By-law: **No**

Budget Amendment: **No**

Policy: **No**

APPROVALS:

This report has gone through the appropriate workflow and has been reviewed and or approved by the following as required:

Director

Deputy City Manager

Chief Financial Officer

City Solicitor

City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

Not Applicable