

To: David Creery, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Harold de Haan, City Engineer

Re: Dundas Street Redevelopment Phase 1
Contract No. 11247
Tender Award

AIM

To obtain Council approval to award a tender for Phase 1 of the Dundas Street Redevelopment project.

BACKGROUND

Tenders for this project closed on Thursday, July 25, 2024. Five (5) tender submissions were received. The lowest three bid amounts (including HST) were as follows:

- Viewcon Construction Ltd., Woodstock, Ontario \$2,501,271.92
- J-AAR Civil Infrastructures Ltd., London, Ontario \$2,806,424.96
- CH Excavating (2013), London, Ontario \$2,876,364.66

According to the City's purchasing policy, Council must approve any tender award in excess of \$750,000.00.

COMMENTS

The work under this contract generally consists of reconstruction of the north side of Dundas Street from Riddell St. to Wellington St and the south side of Dundas Street from Reeve St. to Wellington St. Work will consist of removal of all existing surface features including asphalt, concrete, pavers, and street lighting. Replacement works will be in accordance with the Council approved streetscape revitalization plan and include textured asphalt and sidewalk, rolled curb adjacent to both sides of the parking areas, new lighting and street furniture. Attached are figures showing the construction area and finished road section.

The City portion of the low bid is \$2,248,536.43. The 2024 budget allocated \$2,760,000.00 for this project. A 'My Main Street' grant has also been obtained for an additional \$133,580.00. Based on the low bid, estimated contingencies and construction administration costs, the existing budget is sufficient to complete the work.

Viewcon Construction is the low bidder and has satisfactorily included all the required supporting information with their tender bid. They have stated that they are in a position to start construction on September 3, 2024 and the top coat of asphalt will be placed in

the Spring of 2025. Viewcon Construction has completed many road reconstruction projects for the City of Woodstock in the past. Staff is supportive of the decision to enter into a contractual agreement with Viewcon Construction.

Although this project was tendered to be constructed this year except for final asphalt, Staff is recommending that construction begin in Spring 2025 to minimize disruption to business owners and the community. The timeline for the project is very tight and any delays due to weather or supply will have a significant impact on the project. Since tender closing, staff has discovered that many of the street furnishings, including the specified light poles, require 16 weeks from order to delivery. This means that the poles will not be available to be installed until December which creates concerns around inadequate lighting during the shorter winter days.

In addition to supply issues, some aspects of the project, like the coloured concrete, cannot be placed after mid-October so any delays will push the placement of this material to the 2025 construction season.

Pushing the contract back to Spring 2025:

- Avoids potential delays due to procurement issues and weather
- Allows the contractor to order the necessary materials so that they are in hand at the time of construction
- Means less disruption for business owners in the area as the City will only have to close the road once instead of twice
- Reduces the impact on city events (with the current schedule, the Santa Claus parade will have to be rerouted)
- Will result in savings by eliminating costs of temporary lighting, asphalt and remobilizations.

Mrs. Kerry Baird, Downtown Development Officer, attended the pre-construction meeting with Viewcon Construction. Based on the information provided, Mrs. Baird is in support of beginning construction in Spring 2025 for the reasons stated above.

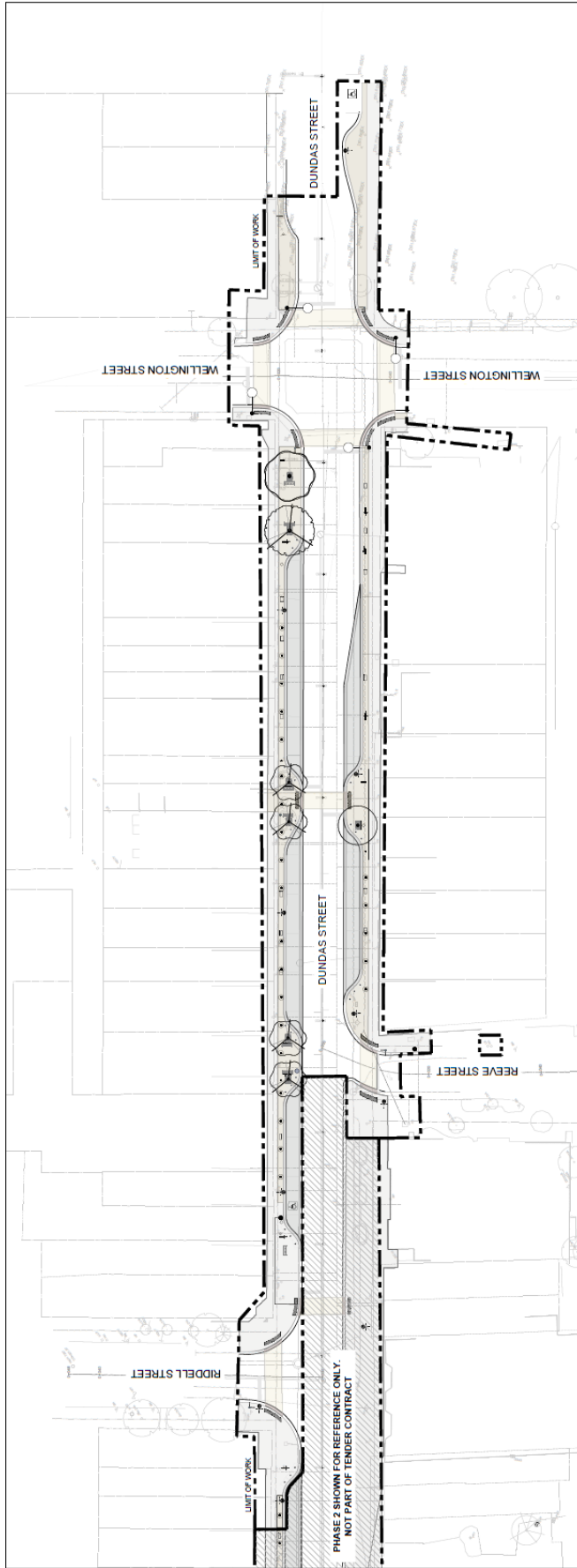
RECOMMENDATION

That Woodstock City Council award the tender for the Dundas Street Redevelopment Phase 1 Contract No. 11247 to Viewcon Construction Ltd., in the amount of \$2,501,271.92 inclusive of HST;

And further that City Council instruct Staff to begin construction in Spring 2025.

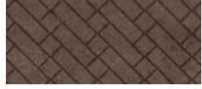
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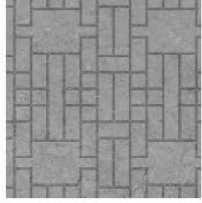




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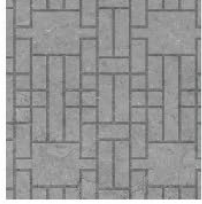
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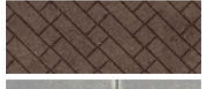
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