

Grand River Conservation Authority

Report number: GM-03-25-27

Date: March 28, 2025

To: Members of the Grand River Conservation Authority

Subject: 2025 Road Site Preparation and Surface Treatment Tender

Recommendation:

THAT the Grand River Conservation Authority award the tender for the 2025 road site preparation and surface treatment to Cornell Construction Limited of Brantford, Ontario up to the amount of \$753,047.50.00 excluding HST.

Summary:

Not applicable

Report:

The Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) constructs and maintains approximately 146 kilometers of paved roadways and 11.6 hectares of paved parking lots. Park roads and cottage lot roads are heavily used during the operating season and it is necessary to ensure that these roads are maintained to provide safe driving surfaces for GRCA patrons.

GRCA roads are maintained to provide an appropriate driving surface in keeping with the nature of the areas that the roads serve. Each year deteriorated portions of roadway are built up, leveled, and compacted. This work is completed using either in-house resources or through the use of external contractors. Build-up and surface treatment for Conservation Area and Cottage Lot Roads is included in this tender. Once the road base has been prepared the road is resurfaced using a combination of emulsified asphalt and aggregate to form a paved surface. Application of this surfacing material requires specialized equipment and there are very few companies that specialize in this type of work.

The tender for the 2025 road site preparation and surface treatments was publicly advertised on the Biddingo electronic procurement website on February 11, 2025. Two bids were received. The tender submission was opened at 1:00 p.m. on February 26, 2025 with an opening committee consisting of Sonja Radoja, former Manager of Corporate Services, Kayleigh Keighan, Manager of Finance, and Paul Lucier, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations. The tender submission was opened in the presence of the opening committee while sharing the screen through Microsoft Teams. The results of the tender process are shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Tender Results

Company	Tender Amount (excluding HST)
Cornell Construction	\$753,047.50
Terry Hewitson Enterprises	\$820,451.30

The bid from Cornell Construction Limited meets the requirements outlined in the tender package. This company has successfully completed the annual road surface treatment contract for the GRCA since 2015.

It is anticipated that approximately 17,915 sq.m. of recycled asphalt base and 14,885 sq.m. of double surface treatment will be required at the Belwood Lake and Conestogo Lake cottage lot

roads. It is anticipated that approximately 16,770 sq.m of recycled asphalt base and 13,595 sq.m. of double surface treatment will be required at the Conservation Area roads. These quantities represent an approximate 11% increase from the work completed in 2024.

Financial Implications:

Funding for road resurfacing is included in both the Conservation Area Capital and Conservation Lands (Cottage Lot) budgets and reserves as necessary. The amount tendered by Cornell Construction Limited is within the amount budgeted for this purpose.

Other Department Considerations:

Not applicable

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