



Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Karl Schipprack, Director of Infrastructure and Development/CBO
Meeting Date: June 6, 2023
Subject: Meux Creek Gabion Basket Reconstruction

Recommendations:

That in consideration of staff report 'Meux Creek Gabion Basket Reconstruction', council authorizes the transfer of \$145,000 from the general capital reserve to fund the shortfall in the 2023 budget for this project.

Highlights:

- West Grey 2023 budget has \$100,000 allocated for this project
- WECl funding was approved in the amount of \$200,000 for 50%
- SVCA recommendation is to award the project to VanDriel Excavating Inc., for \$435,326.00 plus HST
- Estimated Engineering for the project is \$20,000 split 50/50 with the SVCA.

Previous Report/Authority:

https://www.westgrey.com/en/government/resources/Documents/Agenda-Package---Special-Council_Jan31_2023.pdf

<https://pub-westgrey.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12234>

Analysis:

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA) recommended in their January 17, 2023, report to council that the gabion basket wall in Meux Creek in Neustadt be rehabilitated. Council approved a grant application to Water and Erosion Control Infrastructure (WECl) funding to pay for 50%. The estimated cost of construction was \$400,000. The estimated cost of Engineering is \$20,000 to be split 50/50 with SVCA.

Two bids were received. Bid one – VanDriel Excavating Inc. for \$435,326 plus HST. Bid two - McLean Taylor Construction Limited for \$510,856 plus HST. Bid one was recommended to be selected by the engineer, conditional on approval by SVCA, West Grey, and sufficient funding for the project.

\$100,000 was allocated to this project from the 2023 West Grey budget and the grant application to WECl funding in the amount of \$200,000 was successful. This leaves a shortfall of \$145,000 for the construction and 50% of the engineering.

Financial Implications:

Due to the serious deterioration of the gabion baskets and the serious risk of bank collapse and building failure on the east side of Meux Creek at the project location, staff recommend the transfer of \$145,000 from the general capital reserve to fund the balance of this project to have this work completed in 2023.

Consultation:

Elise Macleod, Manager of Water Resources, SVCA
Jeff Graham, Engineer, GSS Engineering
Kerri Mighton, Director of Finance

Attachments:

None.

Recommended by:

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Submission approved by:

Laura Johnston, Chief Administrative Officer

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