

Staff Report

Report To: Council
Report From: Geoff Aitken, CET – Manager of Public Works
Meeting Date: September 19, 2023
Subject: IPW-2023-13-Connecting Link 2023/24 Winter Maintenance

Recommendations:

That in consideration of staff report IPW-2023-13-Connecting Link 2023/24 Winter Maintenance, council authorizes the mayor and clerk to enter into a Connecting Link Agreement with Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Limited for the 2023/24 winter season at a cost of \$24,668.26 plus HST.

Highlights:

- Garafraxa Street (Hwy 6) from the south limit to the north limit of Durham is the connecting link.
- The connecting link is a Class 2 road under O. Reg 366/18, Minimum Maintenance Standards.
- Class 2 roads require snow removal with a maximum accumulation of five cm within six hours.
- This level of service would require multiple shifts in a 24-hour operation with the addition of at least one tandem axle plow truck and multiple staff which is beyond the means of West Grey.

Previous Report/Authority:

[Staff Report titled:2022-2023 Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Connecting Link Agreement, dated September 20, 2022.](#)

Analysis:

The Municipality of West Grey (West Grey) Public Works Department does not have the capacity or the resources to conduct a 24-hour winter control operation on Garafraxa Street in Durham. West Grey is obligated under the Minimum Maintenance Standards,

currently amended to O. Reg 366/18, to provide winter control operations (plowing, sanding/salting, and snow removal) to the standard of a Class 2 road, the second highest level of service in Ontario. Contracting out to Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Limited complies with the regulation.

Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Limited has conducted winter control operations on Garafraxa Street, on behalf of West Grey for several years and the relationship has worked well. Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Limited is able to provide a higher level of service that West Grey is not able to provide.

Financial Implications:

Renewal rates will be included in the department's budget, approximately 15% increase year over year.

Communication Plan:

Communication of this report is through the posting of council meeting agendas on the Municipality of West Grey website.

Consultation:

Supervisor, Urban Operations

Director of Finance

Director of Legislative Services

Director, Infrastructure and Development/CBO

Attachments:

Letter - Connecting Link Winter Maintenance 2023/24 Winter Season

Agreement

Recommended by:

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