



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Hazard Tree Removals RFQ**

**Prepared By: John Yungblut**

**Department: Public Works**

**Date: Nov. 2, 2020**

**Report Number: PW-2020-11-78**

**File Number: 350 Roads**

**Attachments:**

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**Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report Number PW2019-11-78 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works AND grants pre-budget approval in the acceptance of the quote from Savage Bros. Tree Services Inc. in the amount of \$136,250.00 plus HST AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-laws come forward.

**Background:**

Request for Quotation (RFQ) PW2020-10-27 was issued for the removal of 249 trees and that are deemed to be a hazard to the safe passage of traffic or private dwellings. The majority of the trees in this project are located along the Lakeshore between Hunt Club Drive and Concession 6 West and were impacted by the Emerald Ash Borer. The completion date specified was April 30, 2021.

**Discussion:**

One bid was received as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Part 1 (Lakeshore)</b>	<b>Part 2 (Ripley)</b>	<b>Part 3 (Lucknow)</b>	<b>Total Bid (not incl. HST)</b>
Savage Tree Service	\$130,200.00	\$2,450.00	\$3,600.00	\$136,250.00

The bid submitted by the same contractor for the 2019 project was \$58,500.00 which included the removal of 158 trees and stumps in the Point Clark area. This equates

to an average of \$370.25 per tree which is considerably lower than this year's average price of \$547.19 per tree. It should be noted that the 2019 project was a lump sum bid and this year's project is a unit price bid, therefore, if it is determined that some of the stumps do not need to be removed or if Hydro One is able to remove some of the trees near power lines this winter, there could be some significant cost savings. There are some trees that are located in wooded areas where stump grinding may not be practical or they are in a location that is inaccessible for grinding equipment. These stumps would not be payable through this contract. Township staff will also be in contact with Hydro One, so some of the trees near power lines could be deleted from this contract.

**Financial Impacts:**

Since the majority of the work will be completed in 2021, this project will be almost entirely funded by the 2021 Operating Budget. Township staff recommend diverting funds from other items in the 2021 Operating Budget to allow for an increase in the brushing and tree trimming budget in 2021.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment by using our resources wisely and being aware and taking responsibility.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer