



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Winter Maintenance**

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**Department: Public Works**

**Date: Sep. 9, 2020**

**Report Number: PW-2020-09-55**

**File Number: P350 Reports**

### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number PW2020-09-55 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works AND authorizes entering into agreements with Lloyd Collins Construction Ltd. AND ELK Construction Ltd. for winter maintenance services AND authorizes Township Staff to source winter maintenance equipment AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-laws come forward.

### **Background:**

The snow plowing contracts for the Whitechurch area, the Lakeshore, the community of Ripley streets and the removal of snowbanks in Lucknow expired in the spring of this year. A Request for Proposal (RFP) for winter maintenance services was issued on two instances. The initial RFP was advertised locally with a closing date of July 3, 2020 and a second RFP was advertised online due to a lack of proposals with a closing date of Aug. 7, 2020.

Two proposals were received for the removal of snowbanks in Lucknow:

Lloyd Collins Construction Ltd.

<b>Vehicle Description</b>	<b>2020-2021 Hourly Rate</b>	<b>2021-2022 Hourly Rate</b>
Tri-Axle Dump Truck	\$90.00	\$94.50
Wheel Loader	\$100.00	\$105.00
Snow Blower	\$100.00	\$105.00

ELK Construction Ltd.

<b>Vehicle Description</b>	<b>2020-2021 Hourly Rate</b>	<b>2021-2022 Hourly Rate</b>
Tri-Axle Dump Truck	\$65.00	\$65.00
Wheel Loader	\$80.00	\$80.00
Snow Blower	\$80.00	\$80.00

One proposal was received for the Whitechurch area:

Lloyd Collins Construction Ltd

<b>Vehicle Description</b>	<b>2020-2021 Hourly Rate</b>	<b>2020-2021 Daily Standby Rate</b>	<b>2021-2022 Hourly Rate</b>	<b>2021-2022 Daily Standby Rate</b>
Tandem Plow	\$115.00	\$85.00	\$120.00	\$90.00

Note: All prices do not include HST.

No proposals were received for the Lakeshore or Ripley. The contractors that were previously contracted for these plow routes are no longer interested due to rising insurance rates, a shortage of qualified operators and aging equipment.

**Discussion:**

After discussing various options with local contractors and operations staff, Township staff recommend implementing the following plan for the 2020-2021 winter season:

**Whitechurch Route**

Staff recommend entering into a two year agreement with Lloyd Collins Construction Ltd. for a slightly expanded same route compared to previous winter seasons.

**Lucknow**

Staff recommend entering into a two year agreement with ELK Construction for the transportation of snow storage areas in the community of Lucknow to the Kinsmen soccer fields on Havelock Street North.

**Lakeshore and Ripley**

Township staff are still in discussions with local contractors regarding winter maintenance of the Lakeshore and Ripley. In order to maintain the current level of service, Township operations staff will be responsible for plowing the majority of Lakeshore roads and all Ripley streets. Some additional seasonal operators and additional equipment will be required.

**Financial Impacts:**

Although specific equipment purchases are still being finalized. The expected cost of acquiring all the equipment necessary to expand the current service area will be approximately \$90,000 plus HST. This includes the purchase of a used single axle plow truck for approximately \$45,000, however, it does not include repairing our 2005 Sterling Tandem truck that was planned for replacement this year, but we now need to be deployed. The expected cost for repairs is approximately \$15,000. The 2020 Equipment Budget allocated \$20,000 for winter equipment purchases.

In order to fund the additional equipment purchases, Township staff recommended deferring non-essential expenditures that were included in the 2020 Equipment Budget. Deferring the purchase of automatic greasing systems, pickup trucks and grader painting will allow for the reallocation of \$116,000 for winter equipment purchases.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

N/A

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer