



Staff Report PW2023-014

Title of Report: PW2023-014 Department Report
Department: Public Works
Branch: None
Council Date: April 5, 2023

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report PW2023-014 for information; and
That that Council approve the Hwy 10 farmland rental for the 2023 crop season to Pinebrook Farms Inc. for the total amount payment of \$22,950.00; and
That Council approve allocation of the revenue from the farmland rental towards the purchase of required land for the entrance to EcoPark Phase 2 development from Hwy 10.

Background:

Public Works Department update.

Staff Comments:

Transportation and Public Safety:

1. The Township received the 2015 Caterpillar M318D rubber-tired excavator for the fire-loss insurance replacement of Unit 114.
2. On January 17, 2023, Unit 208, a 2008 Ford F550 broke down on the side of the road and was towed to Vanalstine Automotive to be diagnosed. They found that the high-pressure fuel pump had disintegrated, which put metal filings throughout the fuel system. The recommendation was to replace components consisting of a new high pressure fuel pump, new lift fuel pump, new cooler, new lines and 8 new injectors, for a total of approximately \$13,000.00.
After the repair of the fuel system was completed, and when the engine was started there was a "knock" in the engine. Upon further investigation, it was noticed that one of the old injectors was slightly bent, which indicated that when the truck broke down on January 17th, it hydro locked which is what bent the injector, but more so would also have bent a push rod, causing more damage within the motor. Vanalstine Automotive recommended a new engine block was required for an estimated \$19,000.00 installed.
3. The Victoria Street watermain and reconstruction tender has been released by Triton Engineering and posted on the Township website. A request for closing timeline extension resulted in an addendum being issued with a tender closing with a virtual opening on Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 2:00pm.

4. There will be a public information meeting for the proposed Schill Drainage Works at the Melancthon Municipal Office on Friday April 14, 2023 at 10:00 am. (Attachment #1)
5. A Request for Quotes (RFQ) was released for the land lease rental of the Highway 10 property of approximately 90 acres workable for the 2023 cropping season, due to the fact that construction will not begin this year on the roadway. The RFQ closed Wednesday March 29, 2023 at 1:00pm and a virtual opening commenced with Asset Manager, Deputy Treasurer Aakash Desai and Public Works Administrative Assistant Lisa Wilson. There were 3 submissions for the lease. The following is a breakdown of the bids:

Bidder	Price per acre	Deposit Cheque amount	Total Bid Price
Horton Brothers Farms Inc.	\$102/acre	\$2,291.00	\$9,180.00
McLean Farms	\$205/acre	\$4,614.00	\$18,450.00
Pinebrook Farms Inc.	\$255/acre	\$11,475.00	\$22,950.00

Staff recommends that Council approve the Hwy 10 farmland rental for the 2023 crop season to Pinebrook Farms Inc. for the total amount payment of \$22,950.00.

Waste Resources & Diversion Management:

1. The Dundalk Transfer Station will be open to the public on Thursday’s between 10:00am and 3:00pm for the months of April and May.

Water & Wastewater:

1. The Dundalk water tower logo painting with the 3 fingerprints has a detailing issue as noted by the contractor. Triton has notified Township staff that it maybe challenging to have the finer detail of the print separated out and increase cost to the work. Concerns of peeling of lines and longevity are key factors, with the view from the distance below it is suggested that the prints be a solid colour of green. The lettering and logo are estimated at \$40,000.00, if Council wishes to pursue the detailed fingerprints, a change order would be required and processed with costing adjustment and possible warranty change.

Financial Implications:

Financial costs are included in the 2023 Capital and Operational Budgets.

The 2023 Southgate Capital Budget included the excavator replacement with an estimated insurance value payout of \$115,000.00 and \$135,000.00 from general taxation for a total of \$250,000.00.

Intact Insurance covered the excavator replacement costs minus the \$10,000.00 deductible, reimbursing the Township \$169,097.60. The \$135,000.00 budget from general taxation will be reduced with the insurance deductible and another \$5,000.00 for adaption of the bushing and pin work for the brusher attachment. The remaining budget of approximately \$120,000.00 will be redirected to another 2023 project.

The 2023 Operating Budget has line items for Unit 208 for repairs and materials totaling \$8,000.00. The repair shortfall of funding will be realized from other fleet savings areas for 2023.

The Highway 10 farmland lease revenues will be directed to the Eco Park Phase 2 development processes.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

Goal 5 - Upgrading our "Hard Services"

Action 5:

The residents and businesses of Southgate recognize our linear services - roads, bridges, water, and sewer works, for example - to be a fundamental purpose of municipal government. This infrastructure needs to be serviceable and sustainable so that our businesses and communities can thrive and grow.

Concluding Comments:

Staff recommends that Council receive Staff Report PW2023-014 for information., and that Council approve the Hwy 10 farmland rental for the 2023 crop season to Pinebrook Farms Inc. for the total amount payment of \$22,950.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dept. Head: Original Signed By

Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager

Deputy Treasurer Approval: Original Signed By

Aakash Desai, Asset Co-ordinator, Deputy Treasurer

CAO Approval: Original Signed By

Dina Lundy, CAO

Attachments:

Attcahment #1 - Schill Drainage Works Meeting