



# The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

## **Staff Report**

Council Meeting Date: July 11, 2022

Subject: SRW.22.22 Arran-Elderslie Sidewalk Tender

Report from: Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager

Appendices: Engineer Letter from GSS Engineering

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### **Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Rejects the bid received from E.C. King Contracting pursuant to Clause 9.0: Acceptance or Rejection of Tenders;
2. And directs staff to contact the Minister in charge of the CCRF with a formal letter requesting an extension to the funding based on contractor obtainability and embellished prices.

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### **Report Summary**

In the first week of June, GSS Engineering sent out nine (9) invitational tenders to contractors for sidewalk repairs in Arran-Elderslie. Tenders were opened June 30, 2022 with one bid received. The single bid was over budget by 1.9 times the CCRF grant. From the attached letter Rakesh Sharma is not recommending the acceptance of the high bid.

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### **Background**

In 2021 Arran-Elderslie completed a road and sidewalk need study. From the sidewalk study, a grant application was submitted to the CCRF for sidewalk repairs and upgrades in Chesley, Paisley, Tara and Allenford. The Municipality was awarded the grant at 65% Federal funding and 35% Municipal funding. The deadline for completion of this work is March 31, 2023. Sidewalk work is weather sensitive work, which needs to be completed above freezing temperatures.

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## **Analysis**

The Municipality reached out to Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario / Government of Canada, who administers the CCRF grant. It was the intent of our Engineers to re-tender the sidewalk project immediately with a completion date of Fall 2023. Subsequently, staff submitted a request for an extension of the project and were advised that all funding ceases on March 31, 2023, with no extensions.

A recommendation has been received from our local MP advising the Municipality to send a formal letter to the Minister in charge of the CCRF requesting an extension to the funding base for a completion date.

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## **Link to Strategic/Master Plan**

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

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## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy**

The sidewalk grant was based on the sidewalk needs study. Funds were allocated as follows: \$750,000 Federal grant + \$409,500 Municipal funds = \$1,159,500 Total.

A single tender was received for \$3,362,545.80 for this Sidewalk project. The Engineer's letter indicates an enlargement cost of 4.5 times the standard square metre sidewalk costs.

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Approved by: Christine Fraser-McDonald, Clerk