



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: September 27, 2021

Subject: SRW.21.38 ORO Contract

Report From: Scott McLeod, Public Works Manager

Appendices: Appendix A – Quotation for full ORO Services

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Appoint Rakesh Sharma from GSS Engineering Consultants Limited as the Overall Responsible Operator (ORO) for the Municipality and enter into a one-year contract for these services.

Report Summary

Staff are seeking approval to enter into a one-year contract with GSS Engineering Consultants Limited for ORO services in the Arran-Elderslie Water/Sewer Department.

Background

In May 2021, the Water/Sewer Foreman proposed to bring the ORO services in-house. Council supported this recommendation and the GSS contract was terminated at the end of August 2021. Ward and Uptigrove were retained by the Municipality to review the overall additional ORO responsibilities and to provide an appropriate wage compensation rate to address this additional work.

The Arran-Elderslie Personnel Committee met on August 17th and confirmed the recommendations from Ward and Uptigrove. Management, Union Representatives and staff met but were unable to come to an agreement regarding in-house ORO

Services. Therefore, without staff to secure these services, an external provider will be required.

Analysis

The Municipality confirmed that Rakesh Sharma at GSS Engineering would enter into a new contract. He has agreed to accept the ORO duties based on his original quotation provided in August 2020.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

Not applicable.

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

Funds for the ORO services will come from the Water/Sewer Department Account #3005-7114.

The past contract with GSS Engineering started in March 2017 was a monthly rate of \$1,746.00 excluding HST.

The new contract monthly rate is \$2,079.00 excluding HST, which is an increase of approximately \$333 per month.

Approved By: Sylvia Kirkwood, CAO