



## **TOWN OF MINTO**

**DATE:** May 31, 2018

**REPORT TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Bill White C.A.O. Clerk; Gordon Duff, Treasurer

**SUBJECT:** Triton Engineering; Ann Street Clifford, Drainage, Curbing, Asphalt Tender

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

7.2 Promote and pursue in partnership with trail groups and landowners a trail link from Palmerston to Harriston to Clifford, and develop additional trails, paths and walking tours throughout each area to link parks, natural and historic areas.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The 2018 budget includes \$280,000 to install final drainage, curbing and paving of Clifford Ann Street between Queen and Allan, and in 2019 \$280,000 for the same work in the remaining blocks between Allan and Park.

The request for quotations was tendered to complete both blocks. In the past with good pricing the Town was able to service more blocks at once without significant increase to the budget.

Many homes are finished or underway and all of the 24 lots are under firm agreement to sell. While homes are being built quickly, curbs and pavement can be damaged if installed as contractors continue to accessing lots to build homes. When the last block was serviced in 2017 staff recommended the earliest curbing and pavement be installed was 2018.

### **COMMENTS:**

The request for quotations was circulated by Triton Engineering to known contractors and posted on the Town website closing May 29, 2018. One quotation was received from Steed and Evans which including contingency, engineering and inspection for all blocks totals \$995,000. This is substantially over \$560,000 budget for the two blocks combined. Triton reviewed unit prices and options to decrease cost. Removing the sidewalk can save \$67,000 while delaying the surface lift of asphalt to 2019 might save \$36,500.

Triton Engineering reviewed the proposal and believes unit pricing is high in some areas due to timing and the amount of work available in the area. Council has three options:

1. proceed with the tender at the price quoted.
2. re-tender the work in August for a late fall start, or
3. re-tender in the fall for a 2019 project start.

Steed and Evans is currently undertaking asphalt work in Minto pursuant to that tender; in 2017 they completed Phase 1 of Clifford Elora Street from Grien Lumber to Park Street.

They have been very prompt completing this work which is much appreciated. The asphalt pricing in this contract is consistent with their earlier bid, but some of the drainage and concrete work is expensive due to contractor availability and pricing. Since only one bid was received and it is substantially above budget staff and Triton recommend re-tendering later this year for an early 2019 start. It is hoped that pricing would be better at that time.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Town \$280,000 budgeted in 2018 for this work. This amount should be held in reserve and the project reconsidered for 2019 based on the actual tendered amount later this year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receives the C.A.O. Clerk May 31, 2018 report Triton Engineering; Ann Street Clifford, Drainage, Curbing, Asphalt Tender, that the lone tender from Steed and Evans not be accepted and that 2018 budgeted funds be placed in reserve with the project tendered later this year for completion in 2019.

Bill White C.A.O. Clerk