



Town of Amherst  
Special Council Meeting  
Agenda

Date: **Tuesday, May 19, 2020**  
Time: **4:00 pm**  
Location: **Board Room, Town Hall**

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## Albion Street Reconstruction Tender Award

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### **MOTION:**

**That Council award the tender for the Albion Street water main replacement and street reconstruction project to the lowest compliant bidder, Bowers Construction Limited at their total unit price bid amount of \$539,950 plus HST.**



**AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL**

**RFD# 2020039**

**Date: May 19, 2020**

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**TO:** Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO

**DATE:** May 19, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Albion Street Water Main Replacement and Street Reconstruction Tender

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**ORIGIN:** The 2020/21 Capital Budget included an amount of \$433,000 (Water Utility) for the replacement of the water main and \$250,000 (Gas Tax) for the reconstruction of Albion Street from Croft Street to Queen Street.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:** Municipal Government Act: Section **65A** The municipality may only spend money for municipal purposes if (a) the expenditure is included in the municipality’s operating budget or capital budget or is otherwise authorized by the municipality. The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board has approved the budget for the Water Utility portion of the project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council award the tender for the Albion Street water main replacement and street reconstruction project to Bowers Construction Limited at their total unit price bid amount of \$539,950 plus HST.

**BACKGROUND:** The water main in this section of Albion Street is 113 years old and should be replaced. The street has a PASER rating of 6 which indicates that resurfacing is required. Economically it makes sense to replace the street surface at the same time as the water main is replaced. The sanitary and storm sewer systems in this section of the street were replaced in 1990 and remain in good condition.

**DISCUSSION:** Tenders were issued and closed on May 16, 2020 with the following bids being received:

Cumberland Paving and Contracting	\$663,602.50 plus HST
Beale and Inch Construction Ltd.	\$658,476.50 plus HST
<b>Bowers Construction Ltd.</b>	<b>\$539,950.00 plus HST</b>
Dexter Construction Co. Ltd.	\$667,110.00 plus HST

Staff have reviewed the submissions for compliance and are recommending that the tender be awarded to the low compliant bidder, Bowers Construction. The Contractor has personnel



designated to work on the project with experience working on similar projects. The Town has worked with Bowers Construction successfully on other projects.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The total budget for this project is \$683,000, including \$433,000 in the water capital budget, to be funded from debt. The street portion of the project, at a budget amount of \$250,000, will be funded by gas tax. The price of the low compliant bid is \$539,950 plus non-recoverable HST for a total amount of \$563,092. As this tender is on a unit price basis, the final cost of the project will reflect the actual amount of materials used.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Community engagement will take place prior to major construction commencing on site. This will include written notices, face to face meetings, and social media announcements. Access to property during construction will be maintained, with brief interruptions when required.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** Replacement of the existing 100 year-old infrastructure will reduce water loss due to line breaks. Existing asphalt will be pulverized and used to construct the new street bed for the project.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** There are no social justice implications to the water main replacement and street reconstruction.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Do not award the tender to Bowers Construction Limited, change the scope of the project, and re-tender.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Report prepared by: Jason MacDonald, Deputy CAO  
Report and Financial approved by: