

Municipality Of Chatham-Kent
Infrastructure and Engineering Services

Public Works

Information Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Miguel Pelletier
Director, Public Works

Date: April 17, 2018

Subject: Emergency Purchase of Concrete Retaining Wall Blocks

This report is for the information of Council.

Background

The Procurement By-law #03-2016 was adopted by Council on January 11, 2016. The Single Source section of the Procurement states the following:

A non-competitive direct award of Contract may be used to purchase Deliverables from Municipality funds only and with a value of \$100,000 or less with the prior approval of the CAO under the following circumstances:

- g. Where a competitive method of purchasing could interfere with the Municipality's ability to maintain security or order, or to protect human, animal or plant life. For clarity, this exception only applies where the competitive method of purchasing is what causes the interference, not where the good or service being purchased affects the ability to maintain security or order, or protects human, animal or plant life.

Comments

Shoreline areas around Rondeau Bay, including Shrewsbury, Erie Shore Drive, Rose Beach Line and Erieau experienced flooding due to the high lake water levels and strong north and east winds over the weekend. The winds have now switched to the southwest, so most areas should be able to recover quickly. However, Erie Shore Drive in Chatham-Kent has been experiencing flooding when there are sustained winds above 35 km/hr from a southerly direction (southeast through southwest). Forecasted wind speeds and direction are expected to cause flooding along Erie Shore Drive again imminently. While winds remain from the south and southwest, the waves will be driving onto the Lake Erie shoreline in Chatham-Kent and Elgin County. There is also a risk that wave action could damage shoreline protection works and cause shoreline erosion.

In an effort to minimize the effects of erosion and further flooding in the Kent Centre area, Public Works concluded that installation of concrete retaining wall blocks was necessary. The area Road Supervisor attempted to contact alternative suppliers for the goods in a short period of time, but was unsuccessful.

Therefore, Administration recommends retroactively single sourcing the purchase of 115 concrete retaining wall blocks to Chatham-Kent Ready Mix Inc.

Consultation

The Purchasing Officer was consulted in preparation of this report.

Financial Implications

The total project cost of \$8,446.75 (including HST) will be funded from the 2018 approved patching and washouts base budget for the Kent Centre area.

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