



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

OFFICE OF PARKS, FACILITIES & RECREATION

**Mission Statement:** As stewards of the Town of Amherstburg, we strive to improve the quality of life of all residents through the delivery of effective, efficient, and affordable services.

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To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

Subject: Jack Purdie Multi-Use Trail Tender 2025-003 Results

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1. **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. The Chief Administrative Officer and the Town Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign a contract with Murray Mills Excavating & Trucking (Sarnia) Ltd. to an upset limit of **\$375,805 plus HST** for the installation of a multi-use trail at Jack Purdie Park satisfactory in form to the Town Clerk, financial content to the Chief Financial Officer, and technical content to the Director Parks, Facilities, and Recreation; and,
2. The shortfall in funding of \$107,419.17 **BE FUNDED** from the Jack Purdie Park Upgrades Project (#722076) in the amount of \$ \$77,419.17 from the Park Reserve (1010) and \$30,000 from the Enbridge sponsor via the Giving Back to Communities opportunity or the Multi-Use Trail and Sidewalks for Parks (#725023/PAR-005-24) with funding from the Canada Community Benefit Fund (0410) should the grant funding not be awarded; and,
3. That Council **DELEGATE** the Authority to the CAO to accept the funds from the Enbridge Giving Back to Communities Grant including signing any and all documentation associated with receiving the funds; and,
4. Council **DELEGATE** authority to the Chief Administrative Officer to award and issue purchase orders and/or sign and execute any agreements as may be required for the necessary services to execute the scope of work for the Multi-Use Trail project at Jack Purdie park.

## **2. BACKGROUND:**

Jack Purdie park is located within a 0.8km distance of H. Murray Smith Centennial Park and is surrounded by housing on all sides. The park was named after the Purdie family and was always intended to be a ‘family oriented’ park equipped with playground equipment, open space and a place for families to gather. From the public engagement process the community made it clear that they wished to keep this park in its entirety and amenities found within should cater to a ‘family oriented’ recreational experience.

During the August 15, 2022 Council meeting, Council passed the following resolution to approved the Master Plan for Jack Purdie Park. The approved master plan is attached as **Appendix A**.

Resolution # 20220815-05

That:

1. *Council APPROVE the Conceptual Master Plan for Jack Purdie Park as presented in Appendix A;*
2. *Funding for the phased implementation BE DEFERRED to the 2023 budget deliberations as this project is expected to be phased in over a number of years;*

The Town installed an accessible playground in Jack Purdie park that opened in July 2023. The playground was constructed as phase (1) one of the larger master plan.

Phase two (2) includes the design, planning and construction of accessible multi-use pathway system within the park that connects all park amenities. This project was identified in the 5 year capital forecast and received funding in 2025. The remaining park elements in the master plan will be built in phases over time as budget allows.

## **3. DISCUSSION:**

Tender #2025-003 was issued on February 27, 2025 for the design, planning and construction of the accessible multi-use pathways in Jack Purdie Park. The tender includes the removal and disposal of existing asphalt trail segments and the installation of a new 3m wide asphalt pathway system around the park that connects all park amenities and includes drainage, catch basins, concrete approaches and tactile plates, bollards and landscape restoration. Any clean excess soil excavated as part of the project will remain on site, and will be used to shape a sledding hill in the southern half of the park as identified in the master plan.

A total of twelve (12) bids were received from the companies noted within the Financial Matters section of this report.

On March 19, 2025 Administration presented the designs and project at the Parks Committee meeting where it was requested that Administration seek potential funding donations and or sponsorships to help offset some of the costs of the project.

As a result the Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation met internally with the CAO and Deputy CAO along with the Economic Development team to see if there were any potential opportunities that could be leveraged. The Enbridge “Giving Back to Communities” funding program was discussed and an application was submitted in the

amount of \$30,000 to help offset the overage not currently covered within the funding sources already approved for the park.

The Enbridge 'Giving Back to Communities' grant is being made available to all communities in Essex County as well as to the County of Essex in recognition of the community support provided by the municipalities regarding Enbridge's recent projects in the area. The grant supports projects under the following three main project streams:

1. Safe Communities
2. Vibrant Communities
3. Sustainable Communities

It is anticipated the Town will receive a response from Enbridge regarding the "Giving Back to Communities" application within the coming weeks. If the Town is not successful with the application the overage can be covered within the current capital budget under PAR—005-24 Multi-use Trails and Sidewalks within Parks. Should this funding not be required it will be used to create connections within the Town that support the Active Transportation initiatives within parks.

In addition, Tender #2025-003 was circulated to the Accessibility Committee for review and comment at the March 27<sup>th</sup> committee meeting which was moved to April 2, 2025. The pathways and trails within Jack Purdie park meet all current AODA and accessibility regulations including eleven (11) rest areas, required every 100-200M according to the Towns Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) Guidelines.

#### **4. RISK ANALYSIS:**

The following items are being identified as potential risks:

- a) **Resource Risk:** There are sufficient personnel and financial resources available to complete the multi-use pathway installation (see Financial Matters below), however there is a risk that unforeseen supply and demand conditions could cause increased costs to the project. It is considered possible, and of medium impact.
- b) **Timing Risks:** In order to ensure that delivery and installation are completed with ample time to complete all associated site work before the potential of cold or poor weather, delay or deferral early contract award is best. This is considered possible, and of medium impact.
- c) **Health & Safety:** Accessible multi-use asphalt pathways in general, carry minimal inherent risk to users and, by extension, the Town. Measures have been taken in the design to limit the risks to users. This is considered low risk and of low impact.
- d) **Litigation:** As with any procurement, failure to award the contract in accordance with the terms of the Tender and the Purchasing By-Law could result in liability to the municipality. This is considered unlikely to occur and of medium impact.

#### **5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

A total of twelve (12) bids were received as outlined below, all over-budget, ranging from \$375,805 to \$530,776.50 plus HST:

1. Murray Mills Excavating & Trucking (Sarnia) Ltd: \$375,805
2. Armstrong Paving and Materials Group Ltd.: \$389,319.15
3. 1752336 Ontario Ltd.: \$402,315
4. Quinlan Inc.: \$407,650
5. Piera Con Enterprises Inc.: \$408,281.60
6. J.C.S Construction Inc.: \$462,300
7. Sterling Ridge Infrastructure Inc.: \$469,845
8. Powerserve Inc.: \$474,200
9. Fuller Construction (1986) Inc.: \$478,407
10. D Rock Paving: \$480,868.41
11. SheaRock Construction Group Inc.: \$495,200
12. Nevan Construction Inc.: \$530,776.50

The lowest compliant bid in the amount of \$375,805, when including non-recoverable HST will result in a total cost of \$382,419.17.

Jack Purdie Park Project (# 722076) currently has \$ 355,418.89 in approved funding for the park, with \$275,000 of this funding specifically identified for the trail. The other \$80,418.89 is remaining from the \$100,000 approved in 2022 for consulting and design for the park as well as preparing design documents for the trail and to investigate site servicing and utilities required for the park development. Use of \$77,419.17, of the \$80,418.89, for the trail to be developed may require the 2026 capital budget development to revisit the costs for investigation of site servicing and utility requirements as they may exceed the remaining \$2,999.72.

The remaining shortfall in funding of \$30,000 is recommended to be leveraged from the Enbridge 'Giving Back to Communities' program. The Town has been granted \$30,000 in funding from Enbridge. There is a requirement that an application be filled out for a project the Town wants to apply the funding to. The project must meet one of the 3 eligible program types which Enbridge has identified for this funding. Administration has put forward the Jack Purdie Trail project and is awaiting confirmation from Enbridge that they agree the project aligns with their objectives for the funding. Should Enbridge not deem this project to be in alignment with their objectives then Administration recommends the \$30,000 funding shortfall be from #725023/PAR-005-24 Multi-Use Trails and Sidewalks within Parks, which has \$30,000 in approved funding from Gas Tax/Canada Community Benefit Reserve. In addition, Administration would put forward a different project for the Enbridge funding of \$30,000, which has yet to be determined as we are hopeful this project will be confirmed as acceptable by Enbridge.

## **6. ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPACTS**

Every asset the Town adds to its current inventory must be accounted for in the Town's Asset Management Plan for future end of life replacement. See **Appendix B** for asset management considerations and replacement costs associated with the aforementioned multi-use accessible pathway.

Other additional considerations include warranty and ongoing long-term maintenance costs. The warranty on an accessible multi-use pathway is generally 1 year from time of installation. Additional maintenance could include, but is not limited to, crack repair, pot

hole repair, landscape grading along pathway edges due to normal use and site conditions.

**7. CONSULTATIONS:**

Manager of Parks and Naturalized Areas  
 Technical Support Project Manager

**8. CORPORATE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:**

***Vision: Preserving our past while forging our future.***

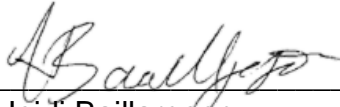
<i>Amherstburg Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PILLAR 1</b>  <b>Deliver Trusted &amp; Accountable Local Government</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Improve trust between council and staff, and residents, by strengthening governance and internal accountability structures.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Deliver transparent and efficient financial management.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Increase effective communication and engagement with residents.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Develop our staff team, resources, and workplace culture.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to deliver strong core municipal services.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Amherstburg is an inclusive accessible and welcoming community committed to reconciliation.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PILLAR 3</b>  <b>Encourage Local Economic Prosperity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Encourage development of commercial and industrial lands.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to promote local tourism industry, especially overnight accommodation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to facilitate downtown development for residents and visitors.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue to leverage partnership opportunities with other provincial, federal, and local governments, agencies, and organizations.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PILLAR 2</b>  <b>Invest in Community Amenities and Infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Maintain safe, reliable and accessible municipal infrastructure and facilities.</li> <li>✓ Increase access to recreation opportunities for all ages.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Finalize and execute plans for town-owned lands (e.g. Duffy’s site, Belle Vue)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Create public access to water and waterfront</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize opportunities to reduce environmental impacts of Town</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PILLAR 4</b>  <b>Shape Growth Aligned with Local Identity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Define and communicate a vision for the Town’s future and identity.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Promote and plan for green and “climate change ready” development.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review and implement policies that promote greater access to diverse housing.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Protect the Town’s historic sites and heritage.</li> </ul>

operations and increase Town resilience to climate change.

Preserve the Town's greenspaces, agricultural lands, and natural environment.

## 9. CONCLUSION:

Of the bids submitted for Tender#2025-003 Jack Purdie Park Pathway Reconstruction and in accordance with the Town of Amherstburg Purchasing By-Law, Administration recommends awarding the contract to Murray Mills Excavating & Trucking (Sarnia) Ltd. for the complete design and construction of multi-use accessible pathways at Jack Purdie Park. Murray Mills Excavating & Trucking (Sarnia) Ltd. was the lowest compliant bid meeting all requirements as set forth in Tender #2025-003. The new multi-use pathways will be accessible and will have a positive impact on the neighbourhood and the Town.



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## Report Approval Details

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