

Report TR-TAPS-18-14

To: Chair Barfoot and Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee
From: Ron Parkin, Maintenance Manager and Sharon Melville, Buyer
Meeting Date: February 20, 2014
Subject: Award of Vermeer Wood Chipper
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution TAPS34-14 February 20, 2014; Endorsed by County Council March 4, 2014 per Resolution CC37-14;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS the 2014 budget included \$50,000 for the purchase of a wood chipper;

AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-03-14 for the purchase of one Vermeer wood chipper was issued on Thursday January 9, 2014 and closed on Thursday, January 23, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-18-14, being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-03-14, one Vermeer wood chipper, be received;

AND THAT the tender be awarded to Vermeer Canada Inc., for a total cost of \$57,590, excluding HST;

AND FURTHER THAT the shortfall be funded from any surplus funds; if no surplus is available then it will be funded from equipment reserves.

Background

The tender for the provision of one Vermeer wood chipper was posted on the County website from Thursday, January 9, 2014 until Thursday, January 23, 2014 (closing date).

For economy and safety reasons the tender required the wood chipper to be equipped with ECO-idle and a folding rear tray with safety features.

Eco-idle (the electronic throttle) is a system which automatically lowers the engine speed if no material has been chipped for a period of time. Eco-idle will work to reduce engine noise during down time and helps to conserve fuel. The engine speed will automatically increase again if the engine detects a change in loading.

A folding rear tray prevents the acceptance of material into the chipper while in transit and a lower emergency stop bar on the feed table.

The Vermeer wood chipper is the only chipper that has these two features.

There were three (3) bids submitted and the results are listed below.

Name of Bidder	Vermeer Wood Chipper (excluding taxes)
Grinding & Drilling Equipment Inc.	Non-Compliant
Allan Fyfe Equipment Ltd.	Non-Compliant
Vermeer Canada Inc.	\$57,590

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology Considerations

In accordance with the corporate purchasing policy, any item that is \$5,000 or more over the approved budget amount must be approved by County Council.

The 2014 budget included the \$50,000 purchase of a wood chipper. The total tendered expenditure amount, including the unrecoverable portion of HST, is \$58,603.58. The \$8,603.58 will be funded from any surplus funds; if no surplus is available then it will be funded from equipment reserves.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

The Values Statement of the approved Corporate Strategic Plan includes fiscal responsibility. Consistent application of the purchasing policy requirements focuses on the commitment to ensure effective and efficient processes, which offer prudent use of public funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director Sign Off: *M. J. Kelly, Director of Transportation Service*