



The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie

COUNCIL REPORT

May 12, 2025

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Engineering Services

RE: 2025-2E Reconstruction of Peoples Road – Contract Award

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to award Contract 2025-2E for the reconstruction of Peoples Road from Churchill Avenue to Penno Road, including the construction of a multi-use trail from Second Line to Churchill Avenue.

Background

Council approved the first phase of the Peoples Road reconstruction in the 2025 Capital Budget.

In the spring of 2024, the City finalized the Class Environmental Assessment study to review overland and basement flooding in the area of Peoples Road. Increasing the capacity of the sanitary sewer was one of the recommendations of the EA which results in the full reconstruction of the road from Churchill Avenue to Third Line.

Tenders were received via the City's electronic bidding system. Submissions were opened on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 in the presence of City staff. Tender results were made public on the project page in the electronic bidding system.

Analysis

A total of three tenders were received. All tenders submitted were checked by AECOM and found to be complete and valid. AECOM's tender report is attached. The low tender of \$8,138,266 (excluding HST) was received from Avery Construction Limited.

As part of the design process, the traffic analysis of the Peoples Road corridor was undertaken. The road will be reconstructed to the same width although will be painted with a three-lane cross-section with a multi-use trail along the west side. The multi-use trail will extend to Second Line.

The Agawa Canyon railroad crossing will also be upgraded during construction. Details of the upgrade are being determined in coordination with Watco, the railroad's owner. An allowance for this work has been included in the financial requirements. If a crossing agreement is required, it will be presented at a future Council meeting.

Financial Implications

When allowances for engineering, utilities, railroad costs, and non-recoverable HST are added and PUC water costs are removed, the City's cost to complete this project is projected to be \$8,747,000. This is under the allocation in the 2025 capital budget of \$9,870,000 which includes parts of the funding from the Housing-enabling Water Systems Fund as well as part of the Building Faster Fund.

Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

This report is linked to the infrastructure focus area of the strategic plan.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated May 12, 2025 concerning the reconstruction of Peoples Road be received and that contract 2025-2E be awarded to Avery Construction Limited.

The relevant By-laws 2025-78 authorizing execution of Contract 2025-2E and 2025-79 authorizing the road closure of Peoples Road from Second Line to Penno Road including intersections from May 13, 2025 to November 28, 2025 are listed under Agenda item 12 and will be read with all by-laws under that item.

Respectfully submitted,

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