



REPORT

Arena and Parks Department

TO: Finance Committee
FROM: Courtney Clarke, Park and Trails Manager
DATE: September 20, 2021
REPORT: RC-28/21 **FILE NO.**

SUBJECT: South Balsam Tender Results

BACKGROUND:

In 2020, \$40,000 was budgeted to replace the North section of the South Balsam Bridge and Boardwalks.

The Township of Uxbridge identified that the existing bridge and boardwalks at the South Balsam Trail needed an upgrade. The tender invited different contractors in proposing a price for the construction of the South Balsam Bridge and Boardwalks. The work on this project includes the removal, disposal, and reinstallation of the existing wood bridges, wood boardwalks and footings. The contractors submitted proposals that included all the material, labour, equipment, environmental site protection measures, and all necessary approvals.

The project held over to 2021 and tendered out in August 2021.

DISCUSSION:

The below chart is the list of the contractor's bids from lowest to highest.

Tender Results:

	Contractors Name	Total Cost Incl. HST
1	Environmental Contracting Ontario Inc.	\$100,047.38
2	2585284 Ontario Inc. o/a Beton	\$106,426.79
3	Markham Property Services Ltd.	\$116,831.22
4	Forest Ridge Landscaping Inc.	\$128,057.13
5	1276559 Ontario Limited	\$161,375.87
6	M & S Architectural Concrete Ltd.	\$173,846.26
7	Stilescape Inc.	\$184,398.77
8	Canada Construction Limited	\$201,947.95
9	CSL Group Ltd	\$211,030.33
10	Bob Hendricksen Construction Ltd.	\$276,816.10
11	2274084 ONTARIO LTD o/a GMP CONTRACTING	\$393,728.54

In 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, wood prices astronomically increased to make up for the demand for new homes and house renovations while the world was in lockdown. The escalation of wood prices more than doubled the normal cost, going up approximately 115% at its highest point. The South Balsam Bridge and Boardwalks tender was affected by these wood prices, as the items that were high-priced fell under the “construction material” portion.

If we postpone the project to 2022, reports state that wood prices may go down approximately 70% from the highest point of escalation. Alternate approaches for 2022 will also be investigated.

For the 2022 Capital Budget we will re-evaluate the estimated budget and re-budget the shortfall for Council’s consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Report RC-26/21 be received for information.

AND THAT the South Balsam Bridge and Boardwalk project be postponed.

AND THAT extra funding for the project be added to the 2022 Capital budget list for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted by: Courtney Clarke, Parks and Trails Manager