

**MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES & SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD 10 MARCH, 2003, CIVIC CENTRE, OXLEY STREET
CAMDEN**

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Present: Cr Anderson (Deputy Mayor/Chairman), Cr Corrigan (Mayor), Cr Patterson, Cr Winn, Cr Fekete, Cr McFadden, Cr Senise. Cr Batros, Cr Campbell.

Staff: General Manager, Director Works & Services, Director Development & Environment, Manager Assets, Manager Engineering, Acting Manager Development (Development Team Leader), Manager Corporate Services, Administration Officer.

1. Investment Monies: Period Ended, 31st January, 2003
(Director Governance & Outcomes)

In accordance with clause 19 (3a & 3b) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993, a list of investments held by Council as at 31st January, 2003, is provided as **Tabled Document "RS 1"**.

It is further certified that all investments have been made in accordance with section 625 of the Local Government Act 1993, the relevant regulations and Council's investment policy.

Current investments of the General Fund both term and call are returning an average daily yield of 4.95% and during the month of January 2003, the average return on all investments both call and term was 4.96%.

Recommended: That

- (i) Council note that the Principal Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.
- (ii) The list of investments as at 31st January, 2003 be noted.
- (iii) The interest rate return of 4.96% for the month of January 2003, be noted.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr McFadden, seconded Cr Winn that

- (i) Council note that the Principal Accounting Officer has certified that all investments held by Council have been made in accordance with the Local Government Act, Regulations and Council's Investment Policy.

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- (ii) *The list of investments as at 31st January, 2003 be noted.*
- (iii) *The interest rate return of 4.96% for the month of January 2003, be noted.*

RS009/03 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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2. Cross Creek Trunk Drainage Tender Selection

(File 4656) [Director Works and Services]

Purpose

This report considers the tenders received to construct trunk drainage downstream of Camden Valley Way at Narellan, near The Northern Road. The project forms part of the trunk drainage works to drain Narellan Town Centre and the commercial/industrial area in the triangle bounded by The Northern Road, Camden Valley Way and the future Narellan Road extension.

History

Landturn P/L and Rosemeadow Investment P/L, being the property owners of those lots adjacent to Cross Creek Narellan, downstream of Camden Valley Way, have recently approached Council requesting that the proposed trunk drainage channel identified in Contribution Plan 3 be constructed. The section of channel referred to extends from the end of the existing concrete lined channel to the future Narellan Rd/Northern Road connection. (Refer **Tabled Document "RS 2"** - locality plan.)

In requesting the works to be scheduled the proponents offered to replace the existing concrete channel with box culverts and upgrade the design of the downstream reach to box culverts. These works will assist in the practical development of this commercial/industrial triangle.

Rosemeadow Investment in a recent Development Application over the subject area, received consent from Council (DC1369/2000) to bridge over the entire length of the existing concrete channel.

The cost of the replacement channel and the upgrade to box culverts would be fully funded by Rosemeadow and Landturn. The funding from Section 94 is limited to the amount allocated in CP 3 for this project.

Scope of the Works

The scope of the works proposes to provide twin cell reinforced concrete box culverts from Camden Valley Way to the future Narellan Road extension. This involves replacement of the concrete and grass channels.

For the purposes of tendering and ensuring the best cost is achieved for the work, the tender has been split into two sections (Part A and B); so that separate prices can be obtained.

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In view of the fact that Council has constructed the existing concrete channel any proposed replacement of the open channel by box culverts will be fully funded by the landowner. This section of the channel forms **Part A** of the tender.

Council's Section 94 Contribution Plan No. 3 identifies a concrete lined channel to be provided for that reach downstream of the existing concrete channel. Following discussions and negotiations with the landholders it was requested that the trunk drainage works be modified to provide box culverts in lieu of an open channel. This section is noted as Part B of the tender. Construction of these works exceeds the original cost and scope and the additional costs will be funded by the landholder.

Tender Process

Tenders were recently called to construct this trunk drainage. The four (4) week tender period, inclusive of advertising, closed on 18 December 2002.

Five submissions were received through the tender process; a summary of the total (Part A & Part B) tender prices (excl. GST) received is as follows:

	<u>Part A</u>	<u>Part B</u>	<u>Total A+B</u>
TJ & RF Fordham	\$465,094	\$474,431	\$939,525
Athesell Excavations	\$469,981	\$501,104	\$971,085
Trimcoll	\$536,673	\$616,073	\$1,152,746
Eden Constructions	\$595,028	\$542,988	\$1,138,016
Trackline Civil	\$563,020	\$659,959	\$1,222,979

Assessment of the tender prices received clearly shows TT & RF Fordham provided the lowest price for both the separate parts and total project.

Part of the tender process required that interested parties attend a compulsory site meeting to ensure they were familiar with the scope of the project. Each of the parties who submitted tenders attended the site meeting and made themselves familiar with the project.

Assessment Process

Council's officers reviewed the information provided by all the above tenderers. Overall the submissions were considered to be of a very high standard.

As part of the review of the submissions a value assessment was undertaken to help select the proposal that provides the best value for money. The value assessment process involves

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an objective assessment of the proposals to enable both price and non-price attributes to be taken into account. The objective assessment of ability and merit provides a clearer indication of a potential contractor by balancing the 'value for money' against the required standards and scope of work.

As this tender is predominantly a construction project the price and non-price factors considered were weighted 80% and 20% respectively with the latter factors broken up as follows:

- Outline of work Program (5%)
- Contract management, staffing and planning (5%)
- Plant and equipment (5%)
- Similar past projects completed (5%)

The assessment process, based on both price and non-price factors, produced a ranking for the submissions, which follows the listing of contractors noted above.

The majority of the funding of the construction is to be provided by the subject landowners based on a signed Deed of Agreement between Council and the respective owners. Council's commitment is limited to the amount identified in the CP 3 for provision of open concrete channel for the remainder of the grass channel with appropriate indexation. As a part of the condition of the Deed of Agreement relevant funding will be deposited to Council's trust fund prior to Council signing of the contract with the successful tenderer.

Conclusion

From the assessment process undertaken it is considered that the submission by TJ & RF Fordham is the preferred tenderer for engaging a contractor for the construction of Cross Creek trunk drainage works. Their submission for this project provides excellent value for money whilst offering a high standard of professional service.

Recommended: That

- (i) TJ & RF Fordham be appointed, upon receipt of the contribution and signed Deed of Agreement, as the successful contractor for Cross Creek trunk drainage works tender (contract 02/22).
- (ii) Council seal be attached to Contract 02/22 being for Cross Creek Trunk drainage construction and the Deed of Agreement, subject to review by Council's solicitors, with respect to the funding arrangement and other relevant considerations with the subject landowners.

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Resolved on the Motion of Cr Patterson, seconded Cr Winn that

- (i) TJ & RF Fordham be appointed, upon receipt of the contribution and signed Deed of Agreement, as the successful contractor for Cross Creek trunk drainage works tender (contract 02/22).*

- (ii) Council seal be attached to Contract 02/22 being for Cross Creek Trunk drainage construction and the Deed of Agreement, subject to review by Council's solicitors, with respect to the funding arrangement and other relevant considerations with the subject landowners.*

RS010/03 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

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3. Tenders for Materials and Services

(Files 4676, 4677, 4678) (Director of Works and services)

Purpose of Report

To obtain Council approval for preferred suppliers of materials and services for Council's construction and maintenance work conducted through open tenders.

Main Report

Tenders were called for the provision of materials and services for Council's construction and maintenance work. The prices quoted by all tenderers were exclusive of GST. The details of the tenders are listed below.

03/1 Hire of plant and associated services (File 4676)

Tabled document "RS 3" shows a schedule of rates submitted by those who tendered for the hire of Backhoes and Street Sweepers for Council's work.

From the prices tendered for backhoes it is observed that the prices quoted by GR & SL Taylor are the best.

The cost of transportation of the backhoe has to be added to the prices quoted by 3 tenderers who are not local and as a result their rates will be higher especially on short hire.

There were only 2 tenders for the hire of Street Sweepers and their prices are reasonable.

03/2 Supply and delivery of recycled materials for road construction work (File 4677)

Tabled document "RS 4" shows the prices quoted by the 5 tenderers for the supply and delivery of recycled materials for road construction work.

Boral Quarries have offered the best prices and the product meets Council's specifications.

TJ & RF Fordham offers the lowest price for supply ex. bin however the material is not an acceptable material.

03/3 Road Sealing services (File 4678)

Tabled document "RS 5" shows the comparison of the rates quoted by the two tenderers for road sealing services.

An analysis carried out on the rates tendered by the two tenderers based on the 2003/04 works program showed that the rates quoted by Pioneer Road Services were more cost effective to Council.

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Pioneer Road Services are the current contractors for this service and their performance has been satisfactory.

Recommended: That

- (i) 03/1 The hire of Backhoes be offered to GR & SL Taylor as the preferred contractor; and Edscog Pty Ltd, TJ & RF Fordham Pty Ltd, Raygal Excavations Pty Ltd, Kingston Industries Pty Ltd and Allards Plant Hire Pty Ltd. as back up contractors for the period 1 March 2003 to 30 November 2003.

The hire of Street Sweepers be offered to both Raygal Excavations Pty Ltd and Complete Sweep Pty Ltd on a rotational basis for the period 1 March 2003 to 30 November 2003.

- (ii) 03/2 The supply and delivery of recycled materials for road construction work be awarded to Boral Quarries for the period 1 March 2003 to 30 November 2003.
- (iii) 03/3 The contract for Road sealing services be awarded to Pioneer Road Services Pty Ltd for the period 1 March 2003 to 30 November 2003.
- (iv) Council seal be authorised to be affixed to the contract documents for items 1, 2 and 3 above.

Resolved on the Motion of Cr Patterson, seconded Cr Corrigan that

- (i) *03/1 The hire of Backhoes be offered to GR & SL Taylor as the preferred contractor; and Edscog Pty Ltd, TJ & RF Fordham Pty Ltd, Raygal Excavations Pty Ltd, Kingston Industries Pty Ltd and Allards Plant Hire Pty Ltd. as back up contractors for the period 1 March 2003 to 30 November 2003.*

The hire of Street Sweepers be offered to both Raygal Excavations Pty Ltd and Complete Sweep Pty Ltd on a rotational basis for the period 1 March 2003 to 30 November 2003.

- (ii) *03/2 The supply and delivery of recycled materials for road construction work be awarded to Boral Quarries for the period 1 March 2003 to 30 November 2003.*
- (iii) *03/3 The contract for Road sealing services be awarded to Pioneer Road Services Pty Ltd for the period 1 March 2003 to 30 November 2003.*

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(iv) Council seal be authorised to be affixed to the contract documents for items 1, 2 and 3 above.

RS011/03 THE MOTION WAS **CARRIED.**

The Meeting closed at 6.17pm.