



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information ☐	Recommendation ☒	Decision Request ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: West Hants Regional Municipality Council

Submitted by: Kathy Kehoe, Director Community Development

Date: July 7, 2026

Subject: Tregothic Trail Culvert Replacement

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Municipal Government Act, Section 65, Powers to expend funds for a municipal purpose.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the award of tender WHRMCD26-03 to Brison Developments Ltd. for the Tregothic Trail Culvert Replacement in the amount of \$295,700 plus applicable taxes to be funded through the Disaster Financial Assistance Program.
2. Approve the award of the Tregothic Trail Culvert Replacement Project Management Services to DesignPoint Engineering & Surveying Ltd. for the price of \$9,330, before applicable taxes.
3. Approves a contingency amount of \$30,503 (10%) plus applicable taxes for the project to be funded through the Disaster Financial Assistance Program.

BACKGROUND

Property ☒	Public Opinion ☐	Environment ☒	Social ☒	Economic ☐	Councillor Activity ☐
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In 2023 as a result of the heavy rainfall event a number of municipal recreation spaces were impacted including the Tregothic trail culvert.

West Hants Regional Municipality retained DesignPoint Engineering & Surveying Ltd. to produce a damage assessment report to assist in determining the damage attributed to this disaster event and the estimated cost to repair the damaged infrastructure to pre-disaster conditions. Included in this work was the Tregothic Trail Culvert Replacement



DISCUSSION

Included in the 2026-27 West Hants Regional Capital Budget for initial culvert replacement project was \$133,685.

This work was originally tendered in February 2025 but due to the Disaster Financial Assistance (or DFA) Program design requirements, it was re-tendered in June 2026 and upgraded to a precast Shaw Span. The completed work will mitigate and protect against the 1-in-100-year flood level.

To support this project DesignPoint has been contracted to manage this project which included engineering design requirements, creation of tender documents, tender review to ensure compliance and tender award recommendation.

Tenders were called on the Provincial Procurement site on June 4, 2026, and closed on June 25, 2026.

Six proponents responded to the public tender, as follows:

Vendor	Purchase Price
Atlantic Road Construction & Paving	\$529,970.10
Axeman Landscaping & Construction	\$441,929.00
Dexter Construction	\$476,090.00
Harbour Construction	\$567,965.00
Nexco Construction	\$438,929.00
Brison Developments Ltd.	\$295,700.00

DesignPoint completed a bid price analysis and noted mathematical errors in one proponent bid. The table below shows the values including the corrected bid value for Axeman Construction.

Vendor	Purchase Price	Total Value (Including applicable taxes)
Atlantic Road Construction & Paving	\$529,970.10	\$550,426.95
Axeman Landscaping & Construction	\$407,116.60	\$458,987.46
Dexter Construction	\$476,090.00	\$458,395.92
Harbour Construction	\$567,965.00	\$589,888.45
Nexco Construction	\$438,929.00	\$455,871.66
Brison Developments Ltd.	\$295,700.00	\$307,114.02

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval staff will proceed with issuing this tender to Brison Developments Ltd.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Posted to Procurement	June 4, 2026
Closing Date	June 25, 2026
Price Expiry Date	Varied

The contractor noted they will hold their price for 30 days in alignment with their supplier pricing.

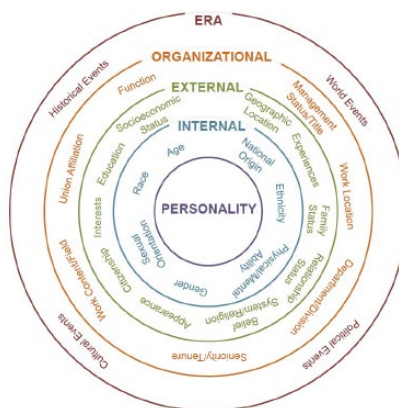
2026-27 Capital Budget – Tregothic Trail

Tender Pricing	\$295,700.00
Project Management	<u>\$9,330.00</u>
Contingency (10%)	<u>\$30,503.00</u>
Non-Recoverable Tax (3.86%)	<u>\$12,951.57</u>
Total	\$348,484.57
2026-27 Budgeted Value	\$133,685.00

This project is part of the July 2023 flood, and Disaster Financial Assistance (DAF) has approved it for mitigation funding. It will be fully funded through DFA.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Strategic Action #4 – Make municipal buildings and public spaces more accessible to people of all ages and abilities.



ALTERNATIVES

1. Council may choose to no proceed with this project.
2. Council may choose to award this contract to an alternative proponent.

Neither of these alternatives are recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

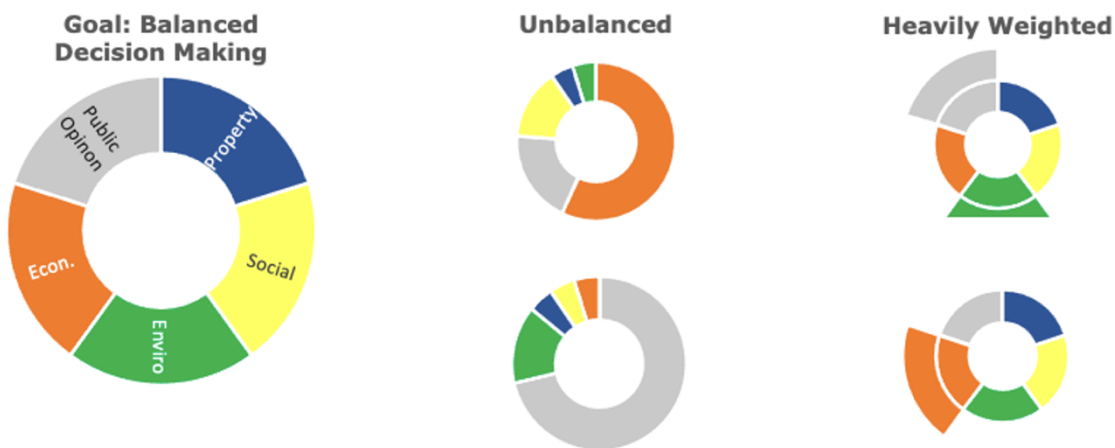
DesignPoint Tender Analysis June 30, 2026

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

I support the recommendation.

The completion of this work will build the trail “back better” and help improve resilience should a similar flood occur in the future.

Council has been provided with a reference taken from the Meeting and Committee Procedural Policy , Appendix C “Decision Making by Council and Committee of the Whole” as a reminder of the principles highlighted for good decision making.



Report Prepared by: _____

Kathy Kehoe, Director, Community Development

Report Reviewed by: _____

Kevin Bennett, Manager, Parks & Recreation Facilities

Report Reviewed by: _____

Carlee Rochon, Director, Financial Services

Report Approved by:  _____

Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer

June 30, 2026

Job No.: 24-506

West Hants Regional Municipality

76 Morison Drive

Windsor, Nova Scotia

B0N 2T0

Attention: Kevin Bennett

RE: WHRMCD26-03 Tregothic Trail Culvert Replacement - Tender Results

Further to the tender closing of the above-mentioned project, DesignPoint Engineering & Surveying Ltd. (DesignPoint) have completed our review of the six (6) submitted tenders to the West Hants Regional Municipality (WHRM) from:

1. Atlantic Road Construction & Paving Ltd.;
2. Brison Developments Ltd.;
3. Dexter Construction Company Ltd.;
4. Axemen Landscaping and Construction Inc.;
5. Harbour Construction Company Limited.;
6. Nexco Group Limited,

Please see the attached table for bid price analysis. We noted one bidder, Axemen Landscaping and Construction Inc., had made a mathematical error in their bid regarding the extended amount for item 53. Thalweg and Bedding. We have corrected this as well as the resultant subtotal and total tender price. We highlighted these corrections in orange on the table and have included a scan of the bid as submitted with hand written corrections therein.

DesignPoint did not receive the bid security documents for Brison Developments Ltd however we understand that WHRM is in possession of this document. We also understand that Axemen Landscaping and Construction Inc. did not include bid security in their submission and therefore it can be concluded that five of the six bidders included the mandatory documents that constitute a complete bid as defined by Section 00 21 13 – Information to Tenderers subsection 1, namely: tender security, recognition of addenda released during the tender period, and the Tender Form in its entirety with all pages and spaces for entry of information.

DesignPoint recommends that WHRM accept the low bid from Brison Developments Ltd Inc. and enter into contract for WHRMCD26-03 - Tregothic Trail Culvert Replacement.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Thank you,

DesignPoint Engineering & Surveying Ltd.



Adam Strachan, B.Sc, RSw.
Manager of Project Services

Cc: Glenn Woodford (DesignPoint)

Attachments/Enclosures: 24-506-WHRMCD26-03-Tender_Bids_Tabulation; partial scan of Axemen bid

Bid Comparison

Project Name: Tregothic Trail Culvert Replacement
Designpoint Project #: 24-506
Owner's Name: West Hants Regional Municipality
Designpoint PM: Glenn Woodford, P.Eng
Tender Closing Date: 6/25/2026 2:00.00PM



							ARCP		Axemen		Dexter		Harbour		Nexco		Brison	
No.	Unit Description	Unit	Quantity	Unit Rate	Estimated Cost	Average Unit Rate	Unit Cost	Total	Unit Cost	Total	Unit Cost	Total	Unit Cost	Total	Unit Cost	Total	Unit Cost	Total
Earthworks																		
1.	Clearing	L.S.	1		\$ -	\$12,073.83	\$5,643.00	\$5,643.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$3,170.00	\$3,170.00	\$6,680.00	\$6,680.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
2.	Grubbing	ha	1		\$ -	\$10,975.83	\$6,075.00	\$6,075.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$14,300.00	\$14,300.00	\$11,980.00	\$11,980.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
8.	Imported Material	m ³	150		\$ -	\$103.33	\$103.00	\$15,450.00	\$65.00	\$9,750.00	\$140.00	\$21,000.00	\$143.00	\$21,450.00	\$139.00	\$20,850.00	\$30.00	\$4,500.00
	Subtotal				\$ -		\$ 27,168.00		\$ 84,750.00		\$ 27,670.00		\$ 42,430.00		\$ 34,780.00		\$ 14,500.00	
Storm System																		
37.	Culverts																	
	.1 6100mm x 2480mmPrecast Shaw Span	m	3.6		\$ -	\$61,557.83	\$75,501.00	\$271,803.60	\$41,666.00	\$149,997.60	\$71,600.00	\$257,760.00	\$79,800.00	\$287,280.00	\$50,780.00	\$182,808.00	\$50,000.00	\$180,000.00
39.	Headwall - Precast Segmental Retaining Wall	m ²	30		\$ -	\$2,803.83	\$2,020.00	\$60,600.00	\$2,833.00	\$84,990.00	\$2,670.00	\$80,100.00	\$3,420.00	\$102,600.00	\$3,880.00	\$116,400.00	\$2,000.00	\$60,000.00
	Subtotal				\$ -		\$ 332,403.60		\$ 234,987.60		\$ 337,860.00		\$ 389,880.00		\$ 299,208.00		\$ 240,000.00	
Street System																		
41.	Gravels																	
	.1 Crusher Dust - 50mm	m ³	10		\$ -	\$296.83	\$424.00	\$4,240.00	\$65.00	\$650.00	\$460.00	\$4,600.00	\$475.00	\$4,750.00	\$247.00	\$2,470.00	\$110.00	\$1,100.00
	.2 Type 2, 150 mm	m ²	20		\$ -	\$180.17	\$135.00	\$2,700.00	\$65.00	\$1,300.00	\$250.00	\$5,000.00	\$337.00	\$6,740.00	\$204.00	\$4,080.00	\$90.00	\$1,800.00
53.	Thalweg and Bedding - 900mm	m ²	80		\$ -	\$249.17	\$269.00	\$21,520.00	\$65.00	\$5,200.00	\$425.00	\$34,000.00	\$369.00	\$29,520.00	\$307.00	\$24,560.00	\$60.00	\$4,800.00
	Subtotal				\$ -		\$ 28,460.00		\$ 7,150.00		\$ 43,600.00		\$ 41,010.00		\$ 31,110.00		\$ 7,700.00	
Landscaping																		
66.	Hydroseed and Hay Cover	m ²	350		\$ -	\$14.50	\$26.00	\$9,100.00	\$4.50	\$1,575.00	\$4.00	\$1,400.00	\$10.50	\$3,675.00	\$12.00	\$4,200.00	\$30.00	\$10,500.00
67.	Handrail				\$ -													
	.1 Wooden	m	24		\$ -	\$496.17	\$523.00	\$12,552.00	\$400.00	\$9,600.00	\$540.00	\$12,960.00	\$565.00	\$13,560.00	\$649.00	\$15,576.00	\$300.00	\$7,200.00
	.2 Metal	m	13.5		\$ -	\$1,102.50	\$1,105.00	\$14,917.50	\$400.00	\$5,400.00	\$1,600.00	\$21,600.00	\$1,260.00	\$17,010.00	\$1,450.00	\$19,575.00	\$800.00	\$10,800.00
	Subtotal				\$ -		\$ 36,569.50		\$ 16,575.00		\$ 35,960.00		\$ 34,245.00		\$ 39,351.00		\$ 28,500.00	
Environmental Protection																		
90.	Environmental Measures	L.S.	1		\$ -	\$49,983.83	\$105,369.00	\$105,369.00	\$63,654.00	\$63,654.00	\$31,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$60,400.00	\$60,400.00	\$34,480.00	\$34,480.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Subtotal				\$ -			\$ 105,369.00		\$ 63,654.00		\$ 31,000.00		\$ 60,400.00		\$ 34,480.00		\$ 5,000.00
	Earthworks				\$ -			\$ 27,168.00		\$ 84,750.00		\$ 27,670.00		\$ 42,430.00		\$ 34,780.00		\$ 14,500.00
	Water System				\$ -			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Sanitary System				\$ -			\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
	Storm System				\$ -		\$ 332,403.60		\$ 234,987.60		\$ 337,860.00		\$ 389,880.00		\$ 299,208.00		\$ 240,000.00	
	Street System				\$ -		\$ 28,460.00		\$ 7,150.00		\$ 43,600.00		\$ 41,010.00		\$ 31,110.00		\$ 7,700.00	
	Landscaping				\$ -		\$ 36,569.50		\$ 16,575.00		\$ 35,960.00		\$ 34,245.00		\$ 39,351.00		\$ 28,500.00	
	Additional Items				\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
	Environmental Protection				\$ -		\$ 105,369.00		\$ 63,654.00		\$ 31,000.00		\$ 60,400.00		\$ 34,480.00		\$ 5,000.00	
	Total				\$ -			\$ 529,970.10		\$ 407,116.60		\$ 476,090.00		\$ 567,965.00		\$ 438,929.00		\$ 295,700.00
	Weeks to Complete																	

To Populate the Progress Report with the correct descriptions, qtys, units, and unit costs of the Awardee, select Awardee in grey box below.

AWARD TO: **Brison**



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4. SCHEDULE OF QUANTITIES AND UNIT PRICES

Item No.	Description	Unit of Measurement	Estimated Quantity	Unit Price	Total Price
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EARTHWORK

1.	Clearing	L.S.	<u>1</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
				<u>25,000</u>	
2.	Grubbing	L.S.	<u>1</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>25,000</u>
					<u>9750</u>
8.	Imported Material	m ³	<u>150</u>		
				84,750	
SUBTOTAL EARTHWORK:				\$	<u> </u>

STORM SEWER

37.	Culverts			41,666	150,000
.1	6100 mm x 2480 mm Precast Shaw Span	m	<u>3.6</u>		
39.	Headwalls			2833	
.1	Pre-cast Segmental Retaining Walls	m ²	<u>30</u>		<u>85,000</u>
SUBTOTAL STORM SEWER:				\$	<u>235,000</u>

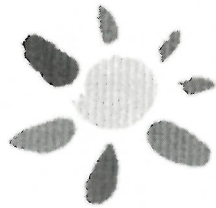
TRAIL & BEDDING RECONSTRUCTION

41.	Gravels			65	650
.1	Crusher Dust – 50 mm	m ³	<u>10</u>		
.2	Type 2 – 150 mm	m ³	<u>20</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>1300</u>
					<u>40,000</u>
53.	Thalweg and Bedding – 900 mm	m ²	<u>80</u>		

SUBTOTAL TRAIL & BEDDING RECONSTRUCTION: \$ 41,950

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5,200.00

7150.00
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SUBTOTAL EARTHWORK	84,750 \$ _____
SUBTOTAL STORM SEWER	\$ 235,000 _____
SUBTOTAL TRAIL & BEDDING RECONSTRUCTION	41,950 7150.00 \$ _____
SUBTOTAL LANDSCAPING	16,575 \$ _____
SUBTOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	63,654 \$ _____
ESTIMATED CONTRACT PRICE (Excluding HST)	441,929 407,116 \$ _____
Add HST (15% of the Estimated Contract Price)	61,870.00 56,996.24 \$ _____
14%**	503,799.00 464,112.24 \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE	823637335 _____
TENDERER'S HST REGISTRATION NO.	_____

5. COMPLETION TIME

- 1 Tenderer agrees to achieve *Ready-for-Takeover* no later than **December 1, 2026**.
- 2 In water work to be completed no later than September 30, 2026