



## WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

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**To:** Committee of the Whole

**Submitted by:**   
Todd Richard, Director of Public Works

**Date:** April 8, 2025

**Subject:** Tender Award — Hantsport Main Street Renewal

### LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Nova Scotia Municipal Government Act, Section 65 authorizes Council to expend funds for municipal purposes.

### RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Committee of the Whole recommends that Council:

- 1. Pre-approve the award of Tender WHRMPW25-08 — Hantsport Main Street Renewal — to Dexter Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of \$2,221,900.00 before applicable taxes.***
- 2. Pre-approve a construction contingency amount of \$336,285 before applicable taxes.***

### BACKGROUND

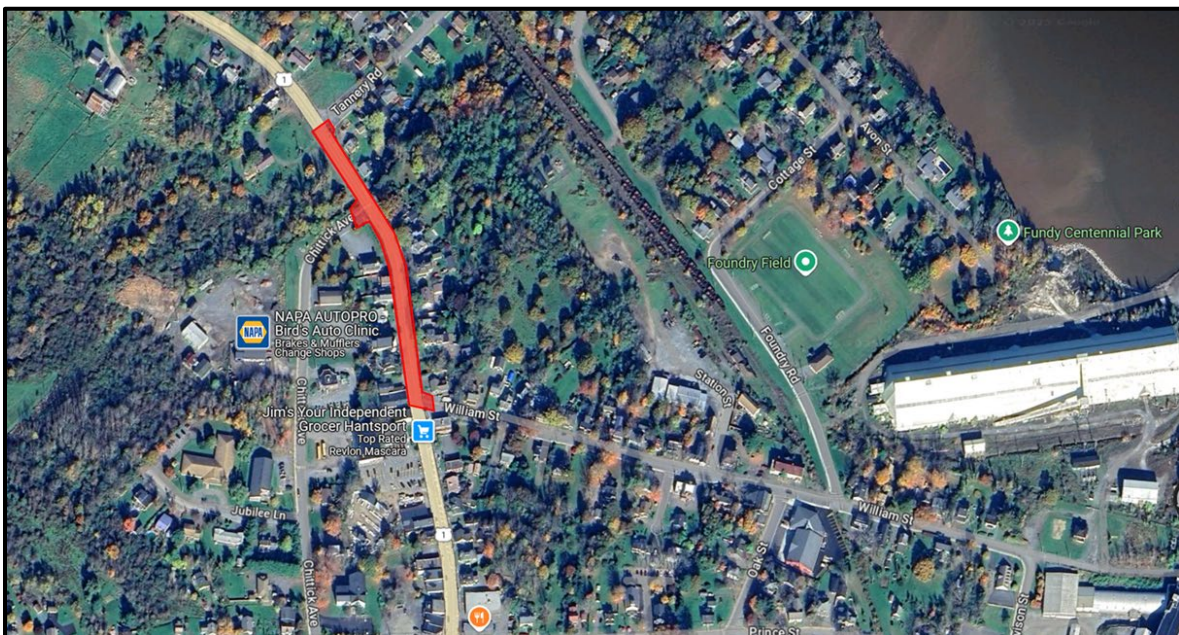
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The section of Main Street in Hantsport from Tannery Road to William Street (see Figure 1-1) was included as a priority for replacement of sanitary/storm/water infrastructure and street renewal in year two of the 2024/25 5-Year Capital Budget. This determination was based on the age and condition of the underground services and the street surface conditions. The design work for this project was completed over the last year, and the project was tendered in March 2025.

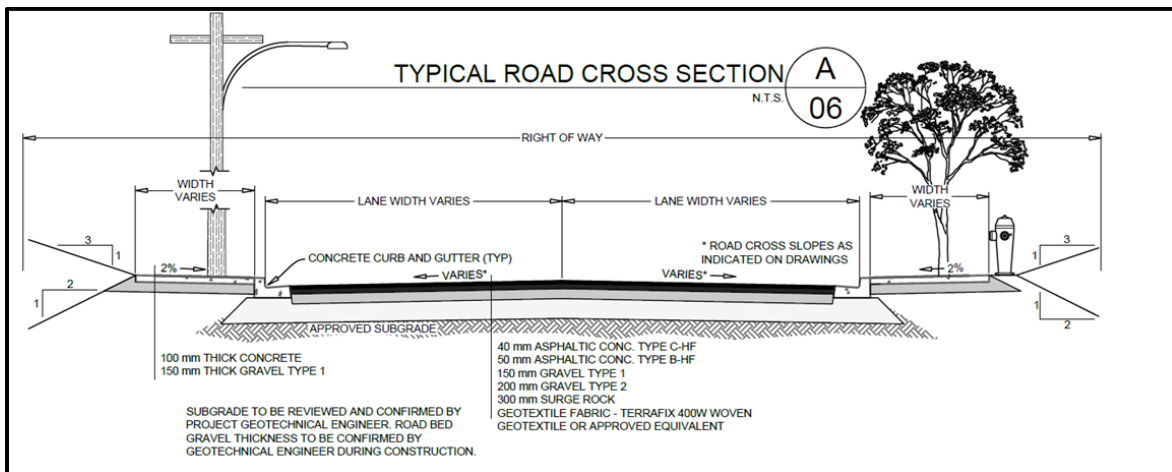
This project includes the following infrastructure improvements:

- replacement of 221m of water main and service laterals to the property line
- replacement of 2 new fire hydrants
- replacement of 194m of sanitary gravity pipe and service laterals to the property line
- installation of a new “pre-package” pumping station and approximately 59m of sanitary forcemain to eliminate Willow Brook crossing
- replacement of 229m of storm pipe
- replacement of 7 storm manholes and 9 catch basins
- street reconstruction including concrete curb/gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the street

**Figure 1-1. Project Location**



**Figure 1-2. Typical Road Cross Section**



## DISCUSSION

On March 31, 2025, two tenders were received for construction services for the Hantsport Main Street Renewal (Tender WHRMPW25-08), which were reviewed for mathematical checks and compliance by Engineering staff:

| Tenderer                            | Tenderer's Location | Price (before HST) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Dexter Construction Company Ltd.    | Wolfville, NS       | \$2,221,900.00     |
| Mid Valley Construction (1997) Ltd. | Kingston, NS        | \$2,570,100.00     |

**Dexter Construction Company Ltd.** is the low bidder for this project. Their submission was fully compliant with the tender requirements. Dexter has significant experience with similar projects within West Hants Regional Municipality and across the province, and is therefore being recommended to Council for award of this project.

## NEXT STEPS

Following the award of the contract by Council:

- Sign Form of Agreement with successful contractor.
- Issue Purchase Order to successful contractor.
- Project Engineer will be responsible for contract administration/management.
- Construction to be substantially completed by January 1, 2026.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Timeline: 60 days

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|-----------------------|----------------|
| Posted to Procurement | March 3, 2025  |
| Closing Date          | March 31, 2025 |
| Price Expiry Date     | May 30, 2025   |
| Days Remaining        | 52             |

## 2025-26 Capital Budget:

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| Tender Pricing                                                  |                | \$2,221,900.00        |
| Project Consulting                                              |                | \$20,000.00           |
| Project Contingency (15%)                                       |                | \$336,285.00          |
| Non-Recoverable Tax (3.86%)                                     |                | \$99,517.94           |
| <b>Total Project Costs</b>                                      |                | <b>\$2,677,702.94</b> |
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| Funding Source by Cost Centres                                  |                |                       |
| Sewer (Sewer Reserve)                                           |                | \$460,754.12          |
| Water (Long-Term Borrowing)                                     |                | \$422,865.99          |
| Sidewalks (Canada Community Building Fund)                      |                | \$148,717.13          |
| Roads                                                           |                |                       |
| Hantsport Infrastructure                                        | \$255,065.62   |                       |
| Consolidation                                                   | \$255,065.62   |                       |
| Long-Term Borrowing                                             | \$765,196.86   |                       |
|                                                                 | \$1,275,328.10 | \$1,275,328.10        |
| Project Consulting (Operating Reserve)                          |                | \$20,772.00           |
| Project Contingency*                                            |                | \$349,265.60          |
| <b>Total Funding Allocation</b>                                 |                | <b>\$2,677,702.94</b> |
|                                                                 |                |                       |
| *Contingency is an estimate and will be applied where required. |                |                       |

In year 2 of the 5-year capital budget in 2024-25, an estimate project cost for Main Street was \$1,589,950. The 2025-26 Capital Budget will reflect the updated costs. The total project cost including non-refundable HST and contingency is \$2,677,702.94.

Estimated debt servicing for general operating will be \$52,629.39, and \$29,084.25 for the Water Utility once the project is completed.

## ALTERNATIVES

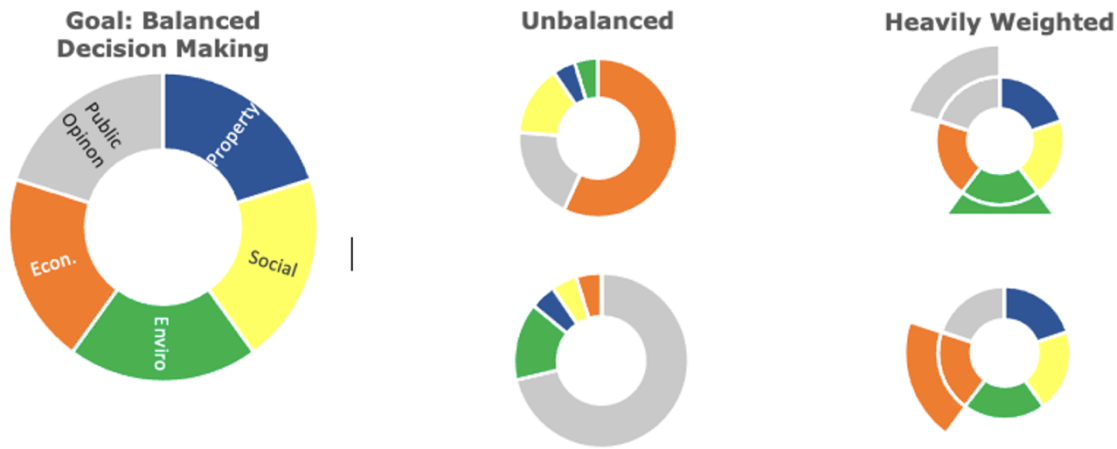
- Council may choose not to proceed with this project and cancel the construction tender (not recommended).
- Negotiate reduced scope of work with low bidder (not recommended).

## ATTACHMENTS

- None

## CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

*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.*



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