



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

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To: Committee of the Whole

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

Date: May 12, 2026

Subject: Tender Award — Falmouth Causeway Trail Replacement

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. Approve the award of Tender WHRMPW26-03 — Falmouth Causeway Trail Replacement — to Humphreys Landscape and Construction (1996) Ltd. for the tendered price of \$148,248.00 before applicable taxes.**
- 2. Approve a construction contingency amount of \$44,474.40 before applicable taxes, including accessibility improvements along the Windsor Waterfront that have been identified by the Accessibility Committee.**

BACKGROUND

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The 2026/27 Capital Budget includes a project for replacement of sections of the Falmouth Causeway Trail (see Figure 1). Certain sections of the asphalt trail, measuring 411m in length, are in very poor condition, with asphalt broken up and heaved (see Figures 4-5). This poses a safety

hazard for trail users. The new sidewalk/trail will be 1.8m wide to meet updated accessibility standards and will be constructed out of concrete, for increased durability and a longer lifespan.

Figure 1. Replacement Sections Along Falmouth Causeway Trail



Figure 2. Starting Point at Boat Launch



Figure 3. Ending Point at Causeway



Figure 4. Example of Existing Condition



Figure 5. Outbuilding



DISCUSSION

On April 30, 2026, six tenders were received for construction services for the Falmouth Causeway Trail Replacement (Tender WHRMPW26-03), which were reviewed for mathematical checks and compliance by Engineering staff:

Tenderer	Tenderer's Location	Price (before HST)
Basin Contracting Ltd.	Enfield, NS	\$168,000.00
Cumberland Paving and Contracting	Dartmouth, NS	\$185,310.00
Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	Wolfville, NS	\$181,050.00
Humphreys Landscape and Construction (1996) Ltd.	Dartmouth, NS	\$148,248.00
Sheehy Construction Ltd.	Three Mile Plains, NS	\$220,004.55
United Structures Inc.	Lower Sackville, NS	\$200,595.00

Humphreys Landscape and Construction (1996) Ltd. (Humphreys) is the low bidder for this project. Their submission was fully compliant with the tender requirements. Humphreys has significant experience with similar projects in HRM, 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 July 31, 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Timeline: 60 days

Posted to Procurement	April 13, 2026
Closing Date	April 30, 2026
Price Expiry Date	June 29, 2026
Days Remaining	48

2026-27 Capital Budget – Causeway Trail – Paving

Tender Price	\$148,248.00
Contingency (30%)	\$44,474.40
Applicable Taxes (3.86%)	<u>\$7,439.08</u>

Project Total	\$200,161.48
Community Development Budget	\$300,000.00
Variance (under budget)	(\$99,838.52)
Proposed Funding:	
Long-Term Borrowing	\$200,161.48

The Causeway Trail paving project is planned to be funded through long-term borrowing. Original annual debt payments were estimated at \$66,444, but since the tender came in under budget, this has been reduced by \$22,112 to \$44,332.

ALTERNATIVES

- Council may choose not to proceed with this project and cancel the construction tender (not recommended).
- Since this project is significantly under budget, Council may choose to complete additional sections of sidewalk/trail replacement. The following two additional sections are suggested as possibilities under this alternative:
 - Waterfront trail to gazebo (140m) — \$48,720 + HST
 - Waterfront trail from pumping station to Water Street (155m) — \$53,940 + HST

Figure 6. Waterfront trail to gazebo

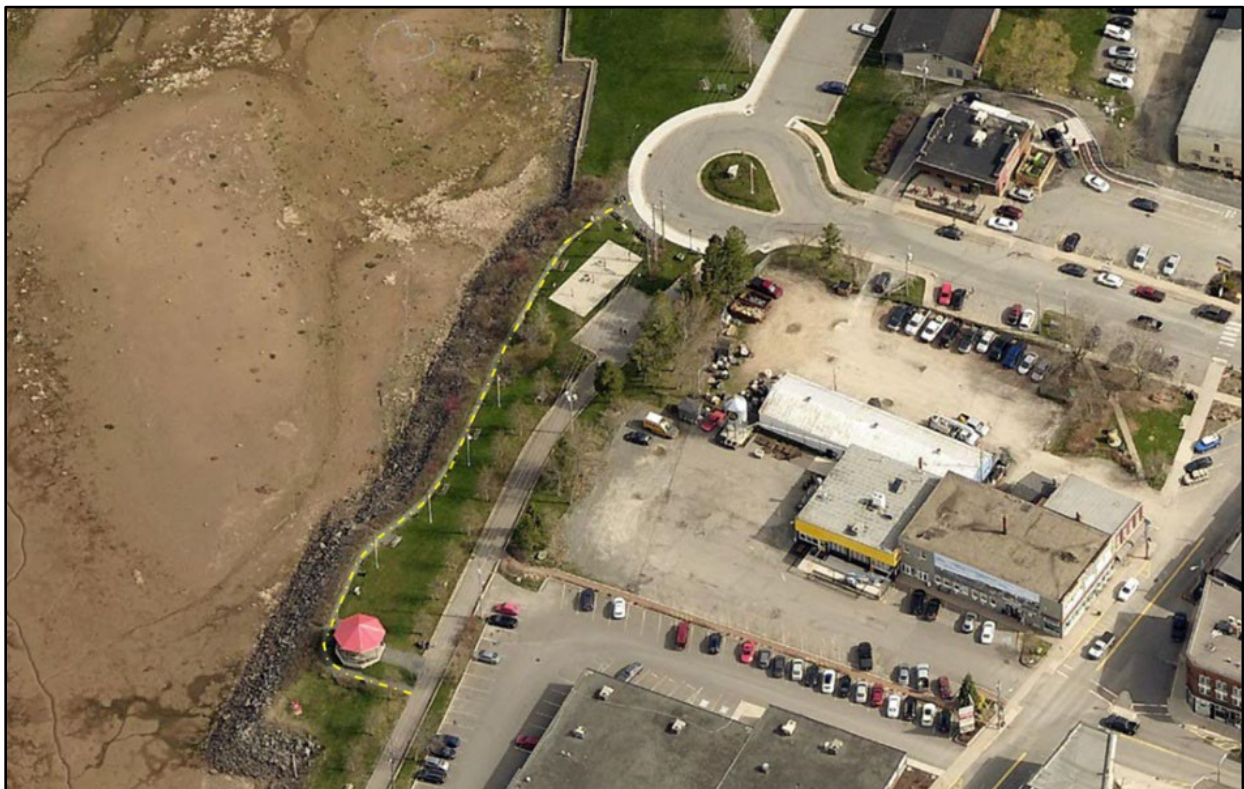


Figure 7. Waterfront trail from pumping station to Water Street



- For this alternative (maximizing the available budget), the recommended motions would be updated as follows:

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2. *Approve the award of an additional 295m of trail replacement along the Windsor Waterfront to Humphreys Landscape and Construction (1996) Ltd. for \$102,660 before applicable taxes.*
3. *Approve a construction contingency amount of \$37,942.38 before applicable taxes, including accessibility improvements along the Windsor Waterfront that have been identified by the Accessibility Committee.*

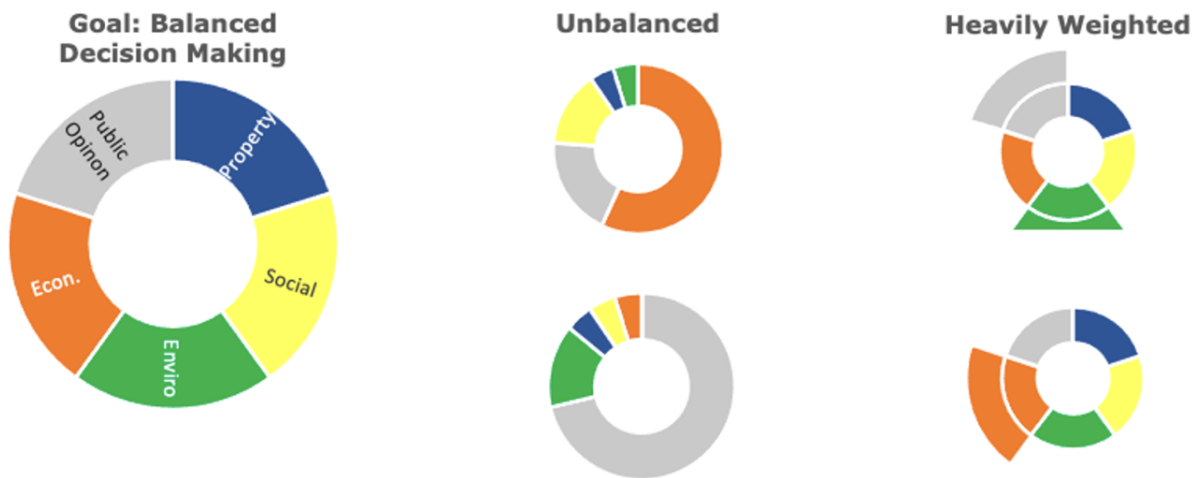
ATTACHMENTS

- None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

I support the initial motion as it meets the intended section of trail planned to be replace. I further support the alternative motions listed to add the gazebo and waterfront trail sections of the trail system. The allocation of \$300,000 has been factored into the Capital and Operating Budgets approved for 2026/27. This will allow for improved safety and accessibility for this very busy trail system.

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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Mark Phillips, Chief Administrative Officer