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To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Stephen Brake, Director of Public Works
Date: October 14, 2021
File No.: PA.Wilmot Viewing Platform.1
Re: Samuel Wilmot Nature Area Viewing Platform Replacement

The existing timber viewing platform on the west side of Wilmot Creek in the Samuel Wilmot Nature Area is currently unusable due to safety concerns caused by material failure, natural damage and vandalism. A project to remove and replace this structure was approved in the 2021 Capital Budget for \$31,500.

Quotation (Q2021-12) was originally issued in May 2021 for the rehabilitation of the existing structure. However, this Quotation was cancelled as significant rot was identified in the main structural timber supports during the bidding period that were not included in the contract specifications for replacement.

The project was re-quoted as Q2021-31 in September 2021 for the replacement of the entire timber structure. The bidding period closed on October 12, 2021. Four (4) bids were received, all compliant. The unofficial results are as follows:

Bidder	Total Bid (incl. HST)	Total Bid (Net HST Rebate)
Kraco Contracting	\$ 46,330.00	\$ 41,721.60
Forest Ridge Landscaping Inc.	\$ 52,030.85	\$ 46,855.39
GMP Contracting	\$ 95,457.72	\$ 85,962.64
CSL Group Ltd.	\$ 101,513.55	\$ 91,416.10

Kraco Contracting was the low bid at \$41,721.60, net HST rebate. Kraco has completed work for the Municipality in the past and references do not need to be checked. At this price, the project will be over budget by a total of \$10,221.60. Inflated lumber costs due to the Covid-19 Pandemic are assumed to be the main cause of the budget shortfall for this project.

The Public Works Department is requesting the use of the following capital account to fund the overage for the project:

- 110-36-325-83723-7401 - Outdoor Recreation Miscellaneous

There was originally \$125,000 available in this account. To date, the only other expenditure from this account at \$15,000 was used for the Bowmanville Creek Fish Counter in July 2021.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Brake'.

Stephen Brake
Director
Public Works Department

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cc: Trevor Pinn, Director of Financial Services/Treasurer
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