



Meeting Date: February 21, 2024

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Report No: PWE 03-2024

Subject: Award of Brush Chipper Replacement

Recommendation:

THAT report PWE 03-2024 re: Award of Brush Chipper Replacement be received for information;

AND THAT the purchase of 1 new BC1800XL Brush Chipper be awarded to Vermeer Canada Inc. in the amount of \$157,755.94 (including municipal portion of nonrefundable HST);

AND THAT Council approve a budget overage of \$12,755.94

Purpose:

To seek Council approval for the purchase of 1 new BC1800XL Brush Chipper from Vermeer Canada Inc. Pursuant to the provisions of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy section 15 c) "If less than three (3) bids are received, the director or designate shall submit a report to Council for direction."

Background:

The purchase of 1 new replacement brush chipper for Transportation was identified and approved by Council in the 2024 budget. In accordance with the corporate Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, staff reached out to vendors listed on Canoe, Local Authority Services (LAS) group for the supply and delivery of 1 new brush chipper.

Analysis:

There are only two qualified vendors listed on LAS that have equipment suitable for municipal forestry operations. Staff obtained a bid from each company for brush chippers that meet municipal requirements. The results of the two submissions received can be found below.

Results of Bids/Quotes for Replacement Brush Chipper

Supplier Name	Bid Price (Excluding HST)	Product Type	Total Cost (Incl Municipal portion of HST)
Vermeer Canada Inc.	\$ 154,997.00	2024 Vermeer BC1800XL	\$157,755.94
Brandt	\$160,500.00	2024 Mobark Eager Beaver 1821	\$163,356.90

Staff have reviewed the submissions for compliance with municipal requirements and specifications and found both submissions to be compliant with the specifications and requirements needed to support municipal forestry operations.

Staff are recommending the award of a replacement brush chipper be made to Vermeer Canada Inc. in the amount of \$157,755.94 (incl municipal portion of HST), as this is the low bid provided. It is worth noting that the BC1800XL is a direct like for like replacement of the existing brush chipper and should ensure seamless integration and use by municipal staff. There is a local supplier available as well should there be a need for maintenance and parts minimizing down time.

Financial Implications:

The submission received from Vermeer Canda Inc. for the purchase of 1 new brush chipper in the amount of \$157,755.94 (incl municipal portion of HST), is recommended by staff for award. The 2024 Council approved budget for this replacement was approved at \$145,000. As the total replacement cost exceeds the Council approved budget staff are also recommending a budget overage of \$12,755.94 also be approved and that the overage be funded from the General Vehicles & Equipment reserve fund.

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Sustainable Infrastructure and Services

The sustainable and planned replacement of the municipal fleet will allow staff to carry out required maintenance work in a cost-effective manner, minimizing down time and costly equipment repairs.

Attachments:

N/A