



Report to Committee of the Whole

From: Peter Dutchak, Director of Engineering Services
Mike Hoogstra, Manager of Procurement & Risk

Date: June 23, 2025

Subject: Gillets Bridge (B27) Rehabilitation – Contract Award

Recommendation(s):

THAT Vandenburg Construction Inc. be selected to complete the Gillets Bridge (B27) Rehabilitation located on Sparta Line, Tender No. 2025-T25 at a total price of \$315,900.00 inclusive of a \$75,000 contingency allowance and exclusive of H.S.T.; and,

THAT the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer be directed and authorized to sign the contract.

Introduction:

As part of the 2025 Capital Budget, a tender was advertised and issued as per the County's Procurement Policy for the rehabilitation of Gillets Bridge (No. B27), located on Sparta Line, 2.7km east of Quaker Road (CR 36) in the Municipality of Central Elgin.

Background and Discussion:

Gillets Bridge is a double span full-through truss structure built in 1930. As part of this rehabilitation project select structural components will be replaced along with new deck drains, concrete repairs, approach guide rail and deck barriers.



Spriet Associates was contracted by the County through RFP 2024-P07 to complete engineering, detailed design and inspection services for this project.

A total of fourteen (14) contractors downloaded tender documents for this project from the County's bidding system [bids&tenders](#). Five (5) contractors submitted electronic bids for this tender which closed on May 28, 2025.

Bids were received as follows:

Company	Bid Price¹ (exclusive of HST)
Vanderberk Construction Inc.	\$315,900.00
McLean Taylor Construction Ltd.	\$690,670.00
Lancoa Contracting Inc.	\$827,408.90
Facca Incorporated	\$837,000.00
Clearwater Structures Inc.	\$947,099.00

¹ Inclusive of a \$75,000 contingency allowance.

Vanderberk Construction Inc. submitted the lowest compliant bid for the project at a total price of \$315,900.00 exclusive of HST.

Financial Implications:

The following summary of projected estimated costs is provided for review and will be confirmed throughout the project:

Construction Tender Value	\$ 315,900.00
Consulting (Engineering/Detailed Design)	\$ 39,080.00
Consulting (Inspection during Construction)	\$ 16,900.00
<u>Net HST (1.76%)</u>	<u>\$ 6,545.10</u>
Total Project Costs¹	\$ 378,425.10
2024/2025 Capital Budget Allocations	\$ 459,000.00
Forecast Budget Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 80,574.90

¹ Inclusive of a \$75,000 contingency allowance.

Advancement of the Strategic Plan:

The infrastructure investment activities that result from completing this work develop, enhance and maintain county transportation assets to support current and future community needs, thus supporting Councils strategic strategy of sustainable community growth.

Local Municipal Partner Impact:

Elgin's local municipal partners have been provided the details of the County's 2025 capital projects.

Communication Requirements:

Sparta Line will be closed for this bridge rehabilitation project. The detour route will utilize Quaker Road (CR 36), John Wise Line (CR 45) and Imperial Road (CR 73).

Project sign boards will be installed in advance of all roadworks and project details will be posted on the Municipal 511 platform.

A weekly capital project update will be circulated to Elgin's local municipal partners and elected officials to advise them of the following weeks anticipated works.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends award of the project to the low bidder, Vandenberg Construction Inc. Work on this project is scheduled to begin in September with substantial completion anticipated to be achieved by the end of November 2025.

As per the County of Elgin's Purchasing Policy, if change orders are required and the cost increases above the tender amount approved by Council by less than 10%, and the amount is within the overall budgeted project amount, work will proceed upon authorization by the Director. However, if the cost increases above the tender amount approved by Council by more than 10%, the Director will prepare a further report to Council outlining the expenditures

All of which is Respectfully Submitted

Approved for Submission

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