

STAFF REPORT

Department: Environmental Services and Special Projects

Date: November 29, 2024

Item: Installation of Hospital Meter

Recommendation: Be It Resolved That: The installation of the water meter for the Espanola Hospital be awarded to Partick Mechanical.

Background:

- The installation of the Espanola Regional Hospital water meter has been a challenge since the decision of Council to implement water meters for commercial and institutional business.
- The original challenge for the installation was due to a lack of isolation valves within the hospital. All the hospital water lines, including boilers, would have to be drained and taken off line in order to perform the work. The duration of this shut down was estimated to be approximately 12-16 hours of work which would severely negatively impact client services.
- In 2019, a study was conducted to provide options for metering the Hospital. Options ranged from \$49,000 - \$189,000. The installation of an ultrasonic meter, estimated at \$49,000, was believed to be the least intrusive and the lowest cost.
- In 2020-2021 we couldn't gain access to the hospital as a result the pandemic.
- In 2022-2023, the hospital was under renovation specifically in the area where the meter was to be installed. Attempts to have the project incorporated into the hospital scope of work were unsuccessful.
- Due to renovations at the hospital, the scope of worked and drawings had to be amended.
- Currently, the Hospital pays a flat fee for water usage.

Analysis:

- In October, 5 companies were sent Request for Quotation for the work. 2 companies did not respond, 1 declined to submit a quotation and 2 bids were received.



- Patrick Mechanical \$28,507.00+ HST
- Whitherell Mechanical \$34,280.40 + HST

Existing Policy: Procurement Policy F17-01325

Strategic Goal: Town Government

Financial Commitment: budgeted \$55,000, project quotation \$28,507.00

Budgeted: **Yes** **No**

Implementation: 6 weeks upon council approval

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Approval of Recommendation: **Yes** **No**

Comments: