

# Report to Municipal Council



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| <b>Meeting Date:</b><br>March 5, 2025                        | <b>Report Date:</b><br>February 26, 2025          |
| <b>Reason Before Council:</b><br>Policy Direction / Approval | <b>Priority:</b><br>Normal                        |
| <b>Department:</b><br>Planning & Development                 | <b>Type of Meeting:</b><br>Committee of the Whole |

**Report Title:** Award Contract for Maintenance on Branconnier and Dorzek – Lemieux Drains

## Recommended Resolution:

That Council agrees to award the contract for the clean-out of certain portions of the Branconnier Drain and the Dorzek-Lemieux Drain to French River Contracting.

## Analysis & Background:

In 2022, the Clerk received a request for Drain Maintenance on certain portions of the Branconnier and Dorzek-Lemieux Drains. The maintenance being requested was a “bottom clean out” as farming activity takes place on the property in question. The Drainage Superintendent was immediately advised of the request.

In late 2023 the Drainage Superintendent prepared and supplied to the Clerk the Drain Maintenance Bid form and map indicating the area to be cleaned out.

Bids were received from the following companies:

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| Canadian Shield Consultants Agency      | \$26,572.98 |
| Ed Seguin & Sons Trucking & Paving Ltd. | \$22,663.00 |
| French River Contracting                | \$8,799.00  |
| Proficient Excavating                   | \$16,026.00 |

We were prepared to move forward with awarding the bid and completing the clean-out in 2024, however, it came to the Clerk’s attention that not all of the requester’s property was designated as farm property for the 2024 billing year. Without this designation, the requester would be billed for the work without the



benefit of the 2/3 grant available through OMAFRA. Although other property owners who benefit from this work will also receive an invoice, the requester is likely looking at being responsible for a large portion of the invoice. This was discussed with the requester, and it was agreed to hold off until the issue was resolved with OMAFRA. The Clerk has recently checked the OMAFRA Ag Maps, and the issue has been corrected for the 2025 billing year. As such we intend to move forward with the drain maintenance as requested.

The Clerk has also confirmed that French River Contracting will continue to honour the price quoted (in late 2023) provided they can get the work done before May when their busy season starts.

**Attachments:**

- Bid Quotes

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