That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer, the following actions BE TAKEN with respect to the appointment of Consulting Engineers for the following 2014 Infrastructure Lifecycle Renewal Projects; Contract #4: Edward Street, Contract #6: Central Avenue and Cartwright Street, Contract #9: Nelson and Maitland Streets and the Victoria Street Area Storm Sewer:

(a) The following Consulting Engineering firms BE AUTHORIZED to carry out the inspection, contract administration and engineering services, including geotechnical services for the said projects, at the upset amounts identified below, in accordance with the estimate, on file, based upon the Fee Guideline for Professional Engineering Services, recommended by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers; and in accordance with Section 15.2 (g) of the City of London’s Procurement of Goods and Services Policy:

(i) Contract 4: Archibald, Gray & McKay Engineering Limited (AGM), 3514 White Oak Road, London ON, N6E 2Z9; in the amount of $200,172.50, including contingency, excluding HST.

(ii) Contract 6: IBI Group (IBI) 350 Oxford Street West, Suite 203, London, ON, N6H 1T3; in the amount of $155,262.36, including contingency, excluding HST.

(iii) Contract 9: AECOM Canada Ltd. (AECOM), 285 King Street, Suite 300, London ON, N6B 3M6; in the amount of $217,453.50, including contingency, excluding HST.

(iv) Victoria Street Area Storm Sewer: Spriet Associates (Spriet), 155 York Street, London ON, N6A 1A8 in the amount of $247,337.75, including contingency, excluding HST.

(b) the financing for the work identified in (a), above, BE APPROVED in accordance with the “Sources of Financing Report” attached hereto as Appendix “A;”

(c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this work;

(d) the approvals given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract with each Consultant for the respective project; and

(e) the Mayor and City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

BACKGROUND

Purpose

This report recommends the appointment of four Consulting Engineering firms to carry out inspection, contract administration, and engineering services necessary to complete and construct the following four 2014 ILR Projects:

- Contract #4: Edward Street Reconstruction
- Contract #6: Central Avenue and Cartwright Street Reconstruction
- Contract #9: Nelson and Maitland Street Reconstruction
- Victoria Street Area Storm sewer Reconstruction

These infrastructure renewal projects were recently tendered and awarded in accordance with the City’s Procurement of Goods and Services Policy (PGSP) under the City’s Administrative Approval process as the value of the tender was under three (3) million dollars.

Context

Due to a PGSP change under the City’s Administrative Approval process, if the value of a budget approved construction project is under (3) million dollars, tender award reports are not required to go to Council. However, the appointment of Professional Consulting services for continuation of engineering services is still required to be reported.

This report bundles the appointment of four consulting engineering assignments, to inspect and administer the four noted construction projects already tendered and approved. Funds have been budgeted in the Water and Sewer Capital Budgets to support the continuation of engineering work for these projects as identified in the “Sources of Financing Report”, Appendix “A”. The Committee can expect similar reports in the future.

DISCUSSION

AGM, IBI, AECOM, and Spriet were previously approved by the Municipal Council to prepare all approvals, complete the detail design engineering work and tender drawing and document package for Infrastructure Lifecycle Renewal Projects Contract #4: Edward Street, Contract #6: Central & Cartwright, Contract #9: Nelson and Maitland, and the Victoria Street Area Storm sewer projects, respectively. It was noted at that time that these same consultants will be required to obtain approval to proceed with subsequent phases of engineering for their projects subject to satisfying all financial, reporting and other conditions contained within the PGSP.

These projects have been identified as high priorities in the replacement programs due to the poor condition of the municipal infrastructure and in some cases, the need for sewer separation. The sanitary sewer, private drain connections and watermains on these streets are old and have reached the end of their life expectancy.

Over the past year, these firms have connected with the community surrounding their projects with public meetings and site consultation. They are well positioned to manage the societal needs of the community during the construction phase of these projects. Given their engineering foresight, knowledge, and experience, these firms were requested to submit a proposal to continue with the construction phase of these projects and carry out inspection, contract administration and engineering services.

In accordance with Section 15.2(g) of the PGSP, Civic Administration is recommending that these firms be authorized to carry out the remainder of engineering services to complete these projects. The continued use of these firms for the noted projects is of financial advantage to the City due to the fact that these firms have specific knowledge of the project and have undertaken work for which duplication would be required if another firm were to be selected. The approval of these works will increase the value of the existing consulting engineering assignments noting the total fees associated with these works are listed in the table below.
All the firms selected have shown their competency and expertise with infrastructure projects of this type and have provided good performance in the past on City projects. City staff continue to foster a collaborative working relationship with these consultants that focuses on achieving the lowest life cycle cost or highest service performance for municipal infrastructure to the benefit of water and sewer rate payers and taxpayers in the long term.

CONCLUSIONS

The continued use of these Professional Consulting Engineering firms for the remainder of engineering services is required to complete the four noted 2014 Infrastructure Lifecycle Renewal Reconstruction Projects. It is in the best financial and technical interests of the City and will allow the project objectives to be met on time and within the available budget, it being noted that these consultants have satisfied all financial, reporting and other conditions contained within the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy.

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Attach:  Appendix "A" – Sources of Financing