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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 25, 2014
FROM:	JOHN M. FLEMING, MCIP, RPP MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLANNING & CITY PLANNER
SUBJECT:	RICHMOND TO ADELAIDE STREET NORTH THAMES VALLEY PARKWAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTING ENGINEER

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning & City Planner, the following actions **BE TAKEN** with respect to the appointment of a consultant for the Richmond to Adelaide Street North Thames Valley Parkway Municipal Class Environmental Assessment:

- a) Dillon Consulting Limited, 130 Dufferin Avenue, Suite 1400 London, Ontario, **BE APPOINTED** Consulting Engineers to complete the Environmental Assessment Study for the Thames Valley Parkway between Richmond Street and Adelaide Street North, in the amount of \$234,273.00 excluding HST, in accordance with Section 15.2 (d) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) that funding for this project **BE APPROVED** as set out in the Sources of Financing Report attached hereto as Appendix 'A';
- c) that Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- d) the approvals given herein **BE CONDITIONAL** upon the Corporation entering into a formal contract with the consultant for the work; and,
- e) the Mayor and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations.

BACKGROUND

Context

This report seeks the approval of Council to retain an engineering consultant to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment to determine preferred pedestrian recreational pathway alignments on the north branch of the Thames River between Richmond Street and Adelaide Street North.

The geographical limits of this study will encompass the area 200 meters north of Windermere Road, 200 meters west of Richmond Street, 200 meters east of Adelaide Street and south to Regent Street (refer to Appendix 'B').

The two primary objectives of this study include:

- Determining a preferred alignment for the Thames Valley Parkway (primary pathway system) between Richmond and Adelaide Street North.
- Recommending preferred secondary pathway alignments that link neighbourhoods within the Study Area to the Thames Valley Parkway. Examples include, but are not limited to the Masonville, Stoney Creek, Old North and Glenora/Kilally North neighbourhoods.

Background

The City of London completed a Bicycle Master Plan in 2005, the Thames Valley Corridor Plan in 2011 and the Smart Moves 2030 Transportation Master Plan in 2013. All of these master plans, among others, have placed a high priority on completing gaps in the City's primary and

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secondary recreational pathway system. This objective has also been demonstrated as a high priority for Londoners as heard through recent ReThink London engagements.

The City's primary recreational pathway system, the Thames Valley Parkway (TVP), is approximately 42km in length and runs along all three branches of the Thames River. The City's secondary recreational pathway is approximately 120km long and links London neighbourhoods to the TVP.

This municipal class environmental assessment will focus on addressing the primary and secondary gaps located between Richmond and Adelaide Street on the north branch of the Thames River.

DISCUSSION

Purchasing Process

Four submissions were received as a result of this Request for Proposal which closed July 30, 2014.

An evaluation committee with representation from the Transportation Planning & Design Division, Storm Water Management Division and the Environmental & Parks Planning Section reviewed the consultant submissions and concluded that the proposal from Dillon Consulting Limited, at an upset amount of \$234,273.00 (including a 10% contingency) excluding HST, provides the best value to the City.

In accordance with Section 15.2 (d) of the Procurement of Good and Service Policy, Civic Administration is recommending that Dillon Consulting Limited be appointed as the consulting firm for the subject EA. With Council acceptance, the EA will be initiated in September with completion anticipated in the fall of 2015.

Financial Impact

Funding for this project has been provided in Capital Budget PD2135.5900000.11100.

There are no anticipated additional operating costs associated with this study.

Acknowledgements

This report was prepared by Jeff Bruin, Landscape Architect and Parks Planner, Environmental & Parks Planning Section and Geoff Smith, Procurement Officer, Purchasing and Supply.

SUBMITTED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
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REVIEWED AND CONCURRED BY:	
MIKE TURNER DEPUTY CITY TREASURER	

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Appendix "A" – Source of Financing

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Appendix "B" - Study Area Map

LIMITS OF STUDY AREA & CURRENT PATHWAY LIMITS

