

REPORT FROM THE MANAGER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

DESCRIPTION

Re: Phase 2 Environmental Proposal for Pearson and Esten Roads

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report from the Manager of Economic Development be received

AND THAT Council approve the use of the Negotiation Method in the City's procurement policy to award a contract without tendering for phase 2 environmental services to Cambium Inc. in the amount of \$56,100 plus applicable taxes

AND THAT the required funds be taken from the Economic Development Dept. operational budget for Contracted Services

BACKGROUND

Earlier this year, the City completed a phase one and a D4 environmental study in the Pearson and Esten Road North areas (map attached). As there was a landfill located in the area, a clean environmental report was required before proceeding with future development. These studies led to a recommendation that a phase 2 be conducted with specific testing requirements. Staff contacted the city's consulting engineers Tulloch Engineering for guidance and were directed to Cambium Inc for a proposal (proposal attached).

ANALYSIS

Currently, these areas are zoned CM for clean industrial. By completing the environmental study, the municipality will have an understanding of the quality of the lands and then be able to look at residential and commercial development.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of the study is \$56,100 plus applicable taxes.

As we continue to see a limited supply of land for both residential and commercial development, time is of the essence. Staff believe a sole sourced contract to Cambium is in the best interests of the taxpayer. Should Council ultimately disagree, the studies can be put to RFP with a typical 3-month delay before any work could proceed.

SUMMARY

Staff are recommending that Council provide direction to proceed with the Phase 2.