

Request for Decision

Title	Lamoureux Trail Construction Tender
Proposed Motion	That Council award the contract for the Lamoureux Trail Construction to the lowest compliant bidder as recommended by ISL Engineering and Land Services.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Council endorse the recommendation and proceed with the construction of the trail in good faith.
Previous Council Direction	<p>August 23, 2016 – Motion 298/16 That Council postpone Item D.2 - Lamoureux Trail Construction Tender to the September 13, 2016, regular Council Meeting.</p> <p>September 9, 2014 - Motion 274/14: That Council approves funding of \$30,000 from the Park Trust Reserve toward construction of the Primary Trail in Lamoureux with remaining funds coming from Federal and Provincial Governments and Trans Canada Trail.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Valley Alliance in partnership with 7 municipalities has a vision for a continuous, connected North Saskatchewan River Valley Park that spans 88 km and will be one of the largest metropolitan river valley parks in the world. • ISL Engineering and Land Services was contracted to design and construct the first 1.8 km portion of Sturgeon County’s Waterfront Trail. • The tender was posted July 27, 2016, and closed on August 12, 2016. • All seven bids in response to the request for tenders were substantially over budget. • A meeting was held with RVA and Alberta TrailNet Tuesday, August 30, 2016, to review the situation and make recommendations on how best to proceed based on the principles outlined in the existing agreements. • Factors contributing to the cost of the trail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Topography ○ Slope stability ○ Canadian Association Technical standards for accessible design. • RVA staff are in the process of providing us with peer review comments on the design in comparison to other RVA projects. This review was not complete prior to publishing the agenda and therefore a final recommendation has to been included at this time.

- The funding agreement signed with RVA strictly identifies that:
 - The Municipality is solely responsible for payment of costs that exceed the Total Estimated Costs
 - Funding from Canada cannot exceed 50% of the total eligible expenditures
 - The Municipality agrees to promptly notify the RVA in writing when the Municipality determines that there may be:
 - Increase or decrease in costs
 - Changes in scope
 - Delays in achieving total Performance
 - The Municipality shall submit requests to change scope, budget or schedule for review (Initiated verbally August 30, 2016).
- Potential strategies to remediate the shortfall in funding are being considered in consultation with our funding partners. There is a very high level of commitment to the shared vision.

External Communication

- Consultation with RVA, ISL and Alberta TrailNet has occurred since the Council meeting on August 23, 2016.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- Sturgeon County Procurement Directive

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership

Honouring and respecting the tender process supports our interest in providing consistent and accountable leadership through transparent processes. There has been a great investment in this trail, and proceeding with the right design is important regionally.

Organizational:




Working collaboratively with our partners, who are as invested as we are in this project, has been very rewarding. We have learned a lot through this process and will be prepared to participate in process improvements along with RVA.

Financial:

The financial implications will be better understood based on new information response from the partners.

Alternatives Considered

1. Reject all proposals.
2. Change the scope of work (length of the trail) to maximize the congruency between the budget and the bid price.
3. Issue a post tender addendum.
4. Request the additional funding from our partners.

<p>Implications of Alternatives</p>	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any delay in construction will have a negative impact to the residents of the area. Trees have been removed to expose the trail alignment for the completion of geotechnical investigation and the <i>Historical Resources Act</i> clearance. Residents living in the area will continue to have restricted use of the trail until construction is complete. <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional staff time and effort would be required to support any change in the tender process. Significant delays beyond this construction season will result in additional work for Finance at year end to record any accruals associated with carrying the project into another calendar year and an amended agreement with RVA. <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is difficult to anticipate the additional hourly costs for the consultant on the project as a result of any further delays. Price changes in construction costs are always influenced by market and may not be significantly less in a re-tender due to the uniqueness of the project.
<p>Follow up Action</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notify ISL of the decision. (Community Services, August 2016) 2. Request an amendment to the agreement with RVA (Community Services, September 2016) 3. Prepare letter to Alberta TrailNet articulating the situation and asking for an adjustment to their funding. (Community Services August 2016)
<p>Attachment(s)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. None
<p>Report Reviewed by:</p>	 <p>Susan Berry, Manager Community Services</p>  <p>Ian McKay, P. Eng., GM Municipal Services</p>  <p>Peter Tarnawsky, County Commissioner – CAO</p>

Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

Mission: Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans,, policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respect the Natural Environment			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ensure effective environmental risk management</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Identity & Spirit			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Streamlines operational processes and policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</i> 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>