



# PROPERTY & FIRE REPORT

**To:** Council

**Meeting Date:** November 26, 2024

**Prepared by:** Amy Harron  
Deputy Clerk

**Date Prepared:** November 12, 2024

**Subject:** Dietrich Drain Branch B (Lorentz) Tender Award

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## Recommendation:

That the Council of the Township of Wellesley award the contract to Nichols Excavating Inc. to perform drainage works as detailed in the Dietrich Drain Branch B (Lorentz) Engineer's Report dated August 2, 2024, to a total bid price of \$125,288.89 + HST.

## Summary:

The Ontario Drainage Act regulates the procedure required to act on a request for repairs or installation of a municipal drain. Through the Township Drainage Superintendent, under the Drainage Act, residents of Wellesley Township requiring improved drainage may submit a petition for drainage works, under Section 4, or a request for improvements, under Section 78. The drainage works identified in this report were initiated through a Section 4 Petition and have followed the prescribed procedure to the point of the tender process. The final step ahead of the construction or maintenance of a municipal drain is to obtain Council approval of the tender award.

## Report:

On October 21, 2021, the Township received a petition from a landowner north of Lobsinger Line. Pursuant to Section 8 of the Act, on November 9, 2021, K. Smart Associates Limited was appointed by resolution of Council to prepare a report on the petition received.

The Engineer's Report for the drainage works was received by Township Staff on August 2, 2024, with the consideration meeting held on August 27, 2024. At the Court of Revision meeting for the Dietrich Drain Branch B (Lorentz) on September 24, 2024, there were no appeals received either ahead of the meeting or late appeals during the meeting. The final passage of the Provisional By-law was heard at the October 22, 2024, Council Meeting.

The call for tender was open from October 8, 2024, to October 30, 2024, with a total of four bids received by the Township Public Works staff. A review of each bid was performed by staff and the Engineer from K. Smart Associates Limited with the recommendation to award the contract to Nichol Excavating of Listowel. Based on the scope of work this project is scheduled to begin in spring 2025.

Bidder	Total Bid Amount (+HST)
Engineer's Construction Estimate	\$144,620.00
Nichols Excavating	\$131,068.89
Specialty Excavating	\$153,872.00
Tas Excavating	\$187,924.68
Dozlan Excavating	\$203,420.00

Tender bid amounts noted in the above table are inclusive of provisional items related to the bid but not included in the tender award amount.

**Township Strategic Plan:**

This initiative aligns with the strategic plan Infrastructure Improvement & Management to refine and improve upon current practices via improved records keeping, asset management, assessment, and the introduction of best practices where applicable.

**Financial Implications:**

The final total project cost will be prorated using the total assessments in Schedule A, Schedule of Assessments for Construction within the Dietrich Drain Branch B (Lorentz) Engineer's Report.

**Other Department / Agency Comments:**

Tender submissions and report reviewed by the Director of Public Works.

**Legal Considerations:**

N/A

**Attachment(s):**

N/A

**Approved By:**

Chief Administrative Officer, Rik Louwagie