



REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

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SUBJECT: Contract Award for Invitation to Tender No. PS20220033 Construction Services for Granville Bridge Interim Connector and North Loops Reconfiguration

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT the City award the contract for the Granville Bridge Interim Connector and North Loops Reconfiguration pursuant to Invitation to Tender No. PS20220033 (the "ITT") to Pomerleau Inc., for its tendered price of \$28,228,198.00, plus applicable taxes, to be funded through the approved Multi-Year budget included in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan and the Property Endowment Fund.
- B. THAT the Chief Procurement Officer (on the form approved by the City Solicitor) be authorized to issue the Notice of Award creating a binding contract between the City and Pomerleau Inc. and that the City Solicitor, Chief Procurement Officer, and General Manager of Engineering be authorized to execute on behalf of the City the Form of Agreement required to be signed by the parties following the execution of the Notice of Award.
- C. THAT no legal rights or obligations will be created by Council's adoption of Recommendations A and B above unless and until the required Notice of Award is executed and issued and then supplemented by the execution of the Form of Agreement by the authorized signatories of the City as set out in these Recommendations.

REPORT SUMMARY

The City issued Invitation to Tender No. PS20220033 Construction Services for Granville Bridge Interim Connector and North Loops Reconfiguration on July 20, 2022. The ITT was advertised on the City of Vancouver website and the work was called in accordance with the terms and condition of the City's Procurement Policy ADMIN-008. City staff on the ITT evaluation committee and, subsequently, the Bid Committee have considered the responses received, and on that basis, recommend that the City enter into a contract as described above with Pomerleau Inc.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The City's Procurement Policy ADMIN-008 requires that contracts with values over \$2 million must be approved by Council following review and recommendations by the Bid Committee. The Bid Committee has considered and recommended Pomerleau Inc. as the successful tenderer.

The following Council reports/decisions have relevance to this work:
RTS 12873 - 2019-2022 Capital Plan
RTS 7591 - 2010 Granville Loops Policy Plan (amended in 2018).

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

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Background/Context

The Granville Street Bridge (the "Bridge") is an eight-lane bridge spanning False Creek, and opened in 1954. Originally designed for high-volume freeways that were never built, the Bridge currently presents significant accessibility and safety challenges for today's urban context.

Improving walking and cycling conditions over the Bridge has long been identified as a priority for the City of Vancouver, including in the 2002 *Downtown Transportation Plan*, the 2002 *False Creek Crossings Study*, and the 2012 *Transportation 2040 Plan*. The Granville Bridge Connector will take advantage of excess road space on the bridge to address a major gap in the city's active transportation network and support achieving the goals outlined in the 2020 *Climate Emergency Action Plan*.

In September 2020, following extensive stakeholder and public engagement, Council endorsed the long-term design concepts for the Granville Bridge Connector, including proceeding with the detailed design and construction of the Granville Bridge Interim Connector as part of the 2019-2022 Capital Plan (RTS 12873). The Granville Bridge Interim Connector is being delivered with the North Loops project, supporting the 2010 *Granville Loops Policy Plan* (RTS 7591 – amended in 2018). The work includes:

- Removal of anchored median barriers, including associated deck demolition and remediation;
- Supply and installation of concrete traffic barriers, both standard and custom, with custom fabricated steel segments to allow for expansion/contraction across main span expansion joints;
- Supply and installation of new traffic signals and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) on and off the bridge, with associated structural steel anchorage details for new signals on the bridge;
- Demolition of the Bridge superstructure (deck and girders) from Pacific Street to Neon Street, partial demolition of piers, demolition of east and west North Granville loops;
- Mass traditional backfill placement under existing bridge superstructure between Pacific Street and Neon Street, prior to structure demolition, to facilitate shorter bridge closure duration, embankment construction, and general site grading; and
- New roadway, storm, sanitary, watermain, and roadway lighting installation on new Rolston, Continental, and Neon Streets.

A construction contractor is needed to complete the works, and same will be required to produce a traffic management plan for the City prior to the commencement of the work. The full width of the Granville Bridge North Approach will be closed for 6 months to facilitate demolition works, and two lanes of traffic will be kept open at all times throughout construction on the main bridge span.

The purpose of the ITT was to receive irrevocable competitively priced bids from pre-qualified bidders with demonstrated capability to meet the City's specifications and requirements as set out in the ITT.

Strategic Analysis

The ITT was issued in accordance with the City's Procurement Policy ADMIN-008. The City received bids from four (4) prequalified tenderers:

Pomerleau Inc.	\$28,228,198.00
BD Hall Constructors Corp.	\$36,685,435.46
Jacob Bros. Construction Ltd.	\$34,647,857.50
NorLand Limited	\$36,939,103.90

The bids were evaluated through the work of an evaluation team comprised of representatives from the Engineering Services Department staff and Supply Chain Management with support from Legal Services. A review of the technical requirements was also performed by the City's consultant. The evaluation team determined that the tender submitted by Pomerleau Inc. is compliant with the ITT's requirements and specifications. Pomerleau Inc. submitted the lowest, qualified tender at a tender price of \$28,228,198.00 (excluding GST).

Pomerleau Inc. is qualified to perform the work required for the project as set out in the tender package based on its satisfactory completion of the City's prequalification process. Further Pomerleau has completed multiple large civil works projects, of similar scope and size, with satisfactory references. References were checked by the project team and Supply Chain Management as part of the evaluation process.

Based on the overall evaluation, the team concluded that the tender submitted by Pomerleau Inc., best met the City's requirements and provided best overall value to the City.

Financial

Finance has reviewed and confirmed that funding is available from the approved Multi-Year budget included in the 2019-2022 Capital Plan and the Property Endowment Fund. As a result of the successful tenderer's bid in response to the ITT, and upon issuance of a Notice of Award to that tenderer, the tenderer will become legally bound to provide the work on a fixed schedule for a fixed set of lump sum and unit prices.

Legal

The City's Procurement Policy requires that all contracts over \$2,000,000 must be approved and executed by the City Solicitor and these recommendations provide for this.

CONCLUSION

In summary, City staff recommends that the City award the contract pursuant to the ITT to Pomerleau Inc., for Construction Services for Granville Bridge Interim Connector and North Loops Reconfiguration for the price and on the terms set out in Pomerleau's tender.

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