



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services
Date: 2024-12-19
Subject: 2025 Dust Suppressant Tender

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services; And

That West Elgin Council approves initiating the tender process for dust suppressant prior to 2025 budget deliberations.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to make Council aware of an opportunity to secure favorable pricing for the municipality's 2025 dust suppressant needs.

Background:

Each year, the Municipality of West Elgin tenders for supply and application of approximately 2,250,000 litres of effective chloride composites. This product is applied to the gravel road network once spring grading has been completed or new gravel has been added. These composites assist in binding the aggregate, which in turn provides a more stable driving surface and less dust, two factors that enhance road user safety.

With a local municipality's recent decision to suspend its dust suppressant program for the 2025 season, suppliers are looking for alternative destinations for their product. This scenario may provide an opportunity for West Elgin to secure favorable pricing for the 2025 season. Therefore, staff recommend starting the tender process for 2025 dust suppressants now, with plans to bring submitted price information for Council's consideration early in the new year.

Financial Implications:

Tender pricing has risen significantly over the past 5 years due to increased transportation costs such as fuel, insurance and wages. There were only 3 responses to the 2024 dust suppressant tender, which was awarded to Pollard Highway Products at a cost of 12.5 cents per litre. Staff feel early tendering for 2025 may provide more competitive interest for this annual requirement. Approved costs for dust suppressant supply and application would need to be included in the 2025 operating budget.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Gosnell
Manager of Operations and Community Services

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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