ST. THOMAS THE RAILWAY CITY	**Report No.** ES-16-26
	File No.
Directed to: Mayor Joe Preston and Members of City Council	**Meeting Date:** April 7, 2026
Department: Environmental Services	**Attachment**
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Subject: **St. George Street and Pearl Street Reconstruction – Tender 2026-055 Award**	

Recommendation:

THAT: Report ES-16-26 St. George Street and Pearl Street Reconstruction – Tender 2026-055 Award, be received; and further,

THAT: Council Award Tender 2026-055 to Russel Construction in the amount of $1,478,891, excluding HST.

Background:

St. George Street from Talbot Street to Scott Street and Pearl Street from Scott Street to Elysian Street have both been prioritized due to combined sewers, which contribute significant storm water inflow to the Pollution Control Plant on Sunset Drive. Combined sewer separation projects are key to ensuring that the Pollution Control Plant can continue to treat wastewater as the City grows, while protecting the environment and mitigating sewer overflow events. See **Figure 1** and **Figure 2** for existing conditions.



Figure 1 – St. George Existing Conditions



Figure 2 – Pearl Street Existing Conditions

The scope of the project generally includes the replacement of the sanitary sewer, replacement of watermain, expansion of the storm sewer system and drainage improvements, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and new asphalt driving surface. **Figure 3** shows the proposed road cross section for St. George Street and **Figure 4** shows the proposed road cross section for Pearl Street. The infrastructure renewal design uses a Complete Streets approach to improve and enhance accessibility for roadway users of all ages and abilities.

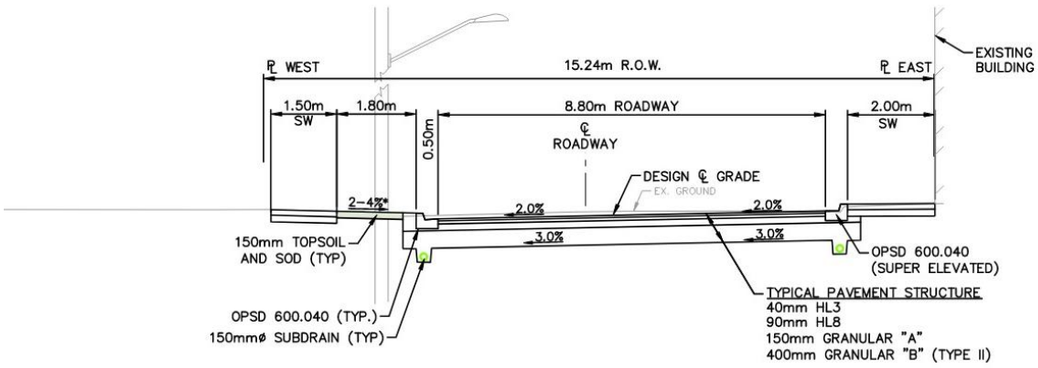


Figure 3 – St. George Street: Proposed Cross Section Looking North

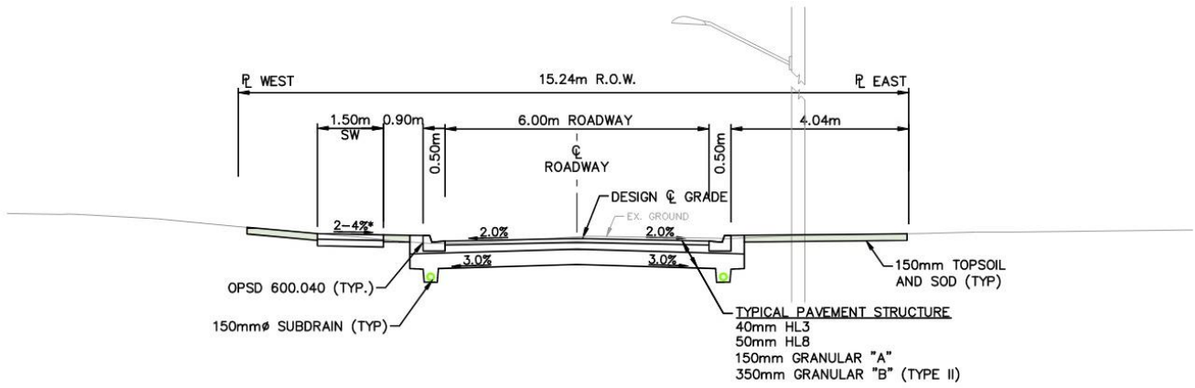


Figure 4 – Pearl Street: Proposed Cross Section Looking North

The St. George Street and Pearl Street Reconstruction Project has proceeded in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Act under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Schedule A+ (pre-approved) for improvements within an existing public right-of-way.

A Public Information Centre was held on Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, to provide residents with an opportunity to review the construction plans and discuss the project or any specific details with City staff. Notices were hand delivered and mailed to businesses and residents in the project area. Regular e-mail project updates will also be sent during construction to keep property owners informed about the project status.

The tentative start date for the project is May 4th, 2026, with anticipated completion by mid-September 2026.

Analysis:

The St. George Street and Pearl Street Reconstruction Project procurement was completed as a two-stage procurement including pre-qualification of contractors to maintain high quality workmanship while still obtaining best value for major infrastructure projects. The prequalification process provides City staff with the opportunity to review contractors based on set criteria, including past performance, project team and corporate experience, health and safety record, and references from similar projects. Request for Pre-Qualification 2026-010 was posted on the City's electronic bid portal stthomas.bidsandtenders.ca, on January 20th 2026 and closed on February 10th 2026, receiving twelve (12) submissions. A total of ten (10) contractors were prequalified for the project.

The second stage of the procurement process is the Request for Tender, which is available to contractors who successfully pre-qualified. Request for Tender 2026-055 was posted on the City's electronic bid portal stthomas.bidsandtenders.ca on March 5th 2026. The Tender closed March 26th 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Bids were received from the following companies:

	Bidder	Contract Price (Excludes HST)
1	Russel Construction	$1,478,890.65
2	J-AAR	$1,595,688.15
3	Blue-Con Construction	$1,666,666.00
4	Ghn Group	$1,727,070.00
5	PV-EX Construction Ltd.	$1,794,446.27

This project was tendered early and has received competitive prices. All bids were found to be compliant.

Strategic Priority:

Strategic Pillar: Excellence in All We Do - Priority #2: Thoughtful, Strategic, and Sustainable Community Growth

Financial Considerations:

The table below summarizes the anticipated expenditure and funding details.

	Expenditures	Funding
Base Contract	$1,478,890.65	
Contingency	$200,000.00	
Project Expenditures[1]	$40,000.00	
Sub-Total	$1,718,890.65	
Net HST (1.76%)	$30,252.48	
Total Commitment	**$1,749,143.13**	
Allocated Funding		**$3,000,000**

1. *Includes Geotechnical Investigation/Quality Control & Utility Relocations*

The bid received from Russel Construction represents good value for the project, and staff recommend proceeding with contract award.

Report Approval:

This report has been reviewed and approved by the Manager of Capital Works, Director of Environmental & Infrastructure Services/City Engineer, and the Director of Corporate Services/City Treasurer.

All reports are reviewed and approved by the City Manager.