ST. THOMAS THE RAILWAY CITY	**Report No.** ES-02-26
	File No.
Directed to: Mayor Joe Preston and Members of City Council	**Meeting Date:** February 2, 2026
Department: Environmental Services	**Attachment**
Authored By: Michael Brix, Project Manager, Industrial Development	
Subject: **Woodworth Avenue Reconstruction – Tender 2025-041 Award**	

Recommendation:

THAT: Report ES-02-26 Woodworth Avenue Reconstruction – Tender 2025-041 Award be received for information, and further;

THAT: Council award Tender 2025-041 to J-AAR Civil Infrastructures Limited in the amount of $4,656,913, excluding HST, and further;

THAT: Council direct a by-law be prepared for its consideration to amend Traffic and Parking By-law 45-89.

Background:

The reconstruction of Woodworth Avenue from the Highway 3 Expressway to South Edgeware Road is an essential part of supporting the development of Yarmouth Yards Industrial Subdivision and the overall continued growth of the City. This project is the first phase of constructing a new sanitary trunk sewer and forcemain to convey sewage flows from Yarmouth Yards to the future Dalewood Water Reclamation Facility. Please see **Figure 1** for a picture of the existing road surface and storm ditches.

Figure 1 – Woodworth Avenue: Existing Conditions

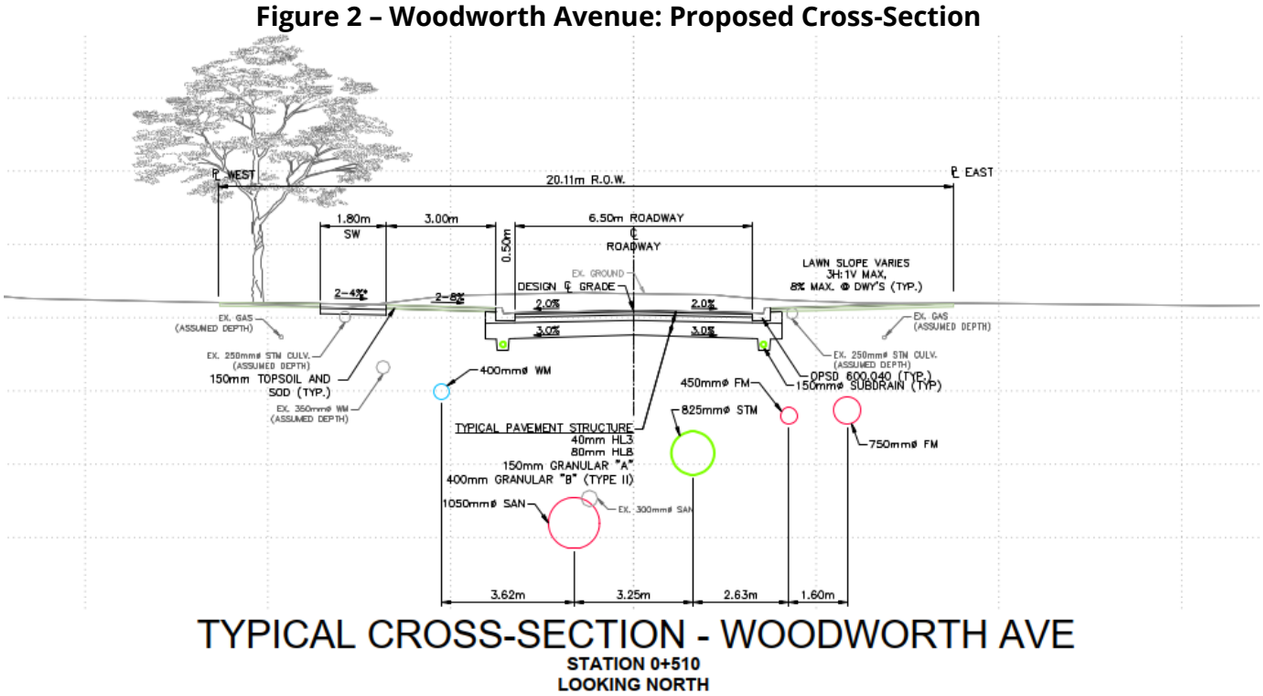


The scope of the project generally includes replacement of watermain, installation of a sanitary trunk sewer, installation of two new sanitary forcemains, installation of storm sewer, installation of new curb and gutter, drainage improvements, and roadway replacement. This project also includes the installation of a new sidewalk on west side of Woodworth Avenue, supporting the City's strategic goals for accessible infrastructure and active transportation. **Figure 2** shows the proposed road cross section for Woodworth Ave. The infrastructure renewal design uses a Complete Streets approach to improve and enhance accessibility wherever possible for all road users including vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians.

To provide adequate space within the right-of-way for the new sidewalk and boulevard, on-street

parking will only be allowed on the east side of Woodworth Ave, in accordance with our standard cross-section for Local Roads. Parking will no longer be permitted on the west side of the road. A By-law to amend the Traffic and Parking By-law 45-89 is required to implement the recommended on-street parking changes.

Figure 2 – Woodworth Avenue: Proposed Cross-Section



TYPICAL CROSS-SECTION - WOODWORTH AVE
STATION 0+510
LOOKING NORTH

The tentative start date for the project is March 2026 with expected completion by the end of August. The project is being split into two phases to ensure that the work does not interfere with MTO's Highway 3 Expressway Twinning project and associated utility work. The MTO's utility work is tentatively set to commence after the water and sewers are installed on Woodworth Ave. Surface asphalt on Woodworth Ave will be placed in the spring of 2027. Due to the depth and the location of excavations required to install the new underground infrastructure, the road will be closed to through traffic, but is to remain open to local traffic. Notification and signage will be provided throughout the project to provide information regarding the impact of the project.

A Public Information Centre was held on Thursday November 27th, 2025, to provide residents with an opportunity to review the construction plans and discuss the project or any specific detail with City staff. Notices were hand delivered and mailed to residents in the project area

Communication has been initiated with property owners to provide information about the impacts of the project. Regular e-mail project status updates will also be sent during construction to keep property owners informed about the project status.

Analysis:

The Woodworth Avenue Construction project procurement process included a pre-qualification of contractors to maintain high quality workmanship while still obtaining best value for major infrastructure projects. Request for Pre-Qualification 2025-038 was posted on the City's electronic bid portal stthomas.bidsandtenders.ca, on September 18, 2025 and closed on October 15, 2025, receiving a total of ten (10) submissions. A total of seven (7) contractors were prequalified for the project.

Request for Tender 2025-041 was posted on the City's electronic bid portal stthomas.bidsandtenders.ca, on December 2nd, 2025 for prequalified contractor bidding. The Tender closed on January 13th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., with the following bids received from the prequalified companies:

	Bidder	Contract Price (excluding HST)
1	**J-AAR Civil Infrastructures Limited**	**$4,656,912.97**
2	Blue-Con Construction	$4,694,700.00
3	PV-EX Construction Ltd.	$5,385,939.24
4	Amico Infrastructures Inc.	$5,707,612.08
5	291 Construction Ltd	$5,909,458.37
6	ghn Group	$7,980,215.67

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 Impact:

This project was tendered early and has received competitive prices. The lowest compliant bid received from J-AAR Civil Infrastructures Limited represents good value, and staff recommend proceeding with contract award. The table below summarize the anticipated expenditures and funding details.

	Expenditures	Funding
Contract Price	$4,656,913	
Contingency	$500,000	
Project Expenditures[1]	$100,000	
Sub-Total	$5,256,913	
Net HST (1.76%)	$92,522	
Total Commitment	**$5,349,435**	
Allocated Funding		**$7,700,000**

[1] *Includes Geotechnical Investigation/Quality Control & Utility Relocations*

Report Approval:

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

All reports are reviewed and approved by the City Manager.