

**#2023-59**  
**For authorization to proceed  
with a winning bid on the Wharf  
Sewer Infrastructure  
Replacement project.**

**Meeting Date** 13 November 2023

**Status:** [        ] ▾

**Motion type:** Financial ▾

\_\_ in favour, \_\_ against

**Declared conflicts:**

**Abstentions or other notes:**

**Moved by Councillor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by Councillor** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS** the lift station and pipe on the wharf pre-date the municipal sewer system by many decades, and development permits have been issued by the municipality on the basis of the sewer system being adequate for the commercial use of the businesses there.

**WHEREAS** both our operator, and Dept of Environment, have brought attention to how out-of-date the system is, not meeting code, and therefore Dept of Environment has requested the municipality replace the lift station urgently, and also the pipe when possible.

**WHEREAS** high maintenance costs resulting from the outdated infrastructure are borne by all water-and-sewer ratepayers, and the extra work is frustrating for our Operator.

**WHEREAS** a modern communication systems would prevent the type of failure that occurred in July of this year, resulting in a sewage discharge and a 5-day closure of Victoria Beach that was distressing for residents and visitors, and time-consuming for municipal staff.

**WHEREAS** An inspection of the lift-station tank at the end of the operating season this year, revealed a large crack, and it is highly unlikely that the Dept of Environment will allow us to recommission the existing tank without costly repair, and our Operator does not want to re-construct the old pumps and piping.

**WHEREAS** the bid on the current tender is the culmination of many years of work, including failed tenders, to replace this station, and capital budget of \$495,000 has been allocated to see this project to completion this year.

**WHEREAS** the pipe in the wharf curb (from the lift station to the shore) is made of polyethylene, which no longer meets code, and for as long as it is not replaced, the risk of the pipe breaking and needing to incur the costs of emergency repairs increases.

**WHEREAS** Accepting the bid on the lift-station replacement alone, and declining to accept the bid on the pipe replacement is within our budget, and would leave additional funds

available to allocate to other infrastructure projects in the municipality.

**WHEREAS** accepting the bid to replace not only the lift station, but also the pipe, will require Council to make an additional capital budget allocation from next financial year.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that, pending the agreement of the W&S Corporation, that Council instructs the CAO:

- to accept the bid from Island Coastal for replacement of the lift station on the wharf (\$366,701 including HST) as soon as all relevant permits are secured.
- to negotiate with our Engineering service providers, to reduce their charges to the municipality.
- if the CAO successfully negotiates engineering charges to below an acceptable Threshold [to be discussed in closed session as per s119 of the MGA], that Council will authorize sufficient additional Capital spending on this project in FY24-25, to additionally accept the bid from Island Coastal for provisional items (ie, replacement of the pipe).

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I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution.

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**Mayor**  
Martin Ruben

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**Chief Administrative Officer**  
Anna Keenan