

	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	
For meeting to be held on: August 14, 2012	Submitted by: Chris Traini County Engineer	For: Action
Subject: ALBERT STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STRATHROY-CARADOC		

BACKGROUND

The Albert Street Bridge on County Road 39 in Strathroy was identified for rehabilitation in the County of Middlesex Steel Bridge Inspection Study. Considering the overall age of the structure and the cost and difficulty of rehabilitation, it was recommended that a replacement structure be constructed.

ANALYSIS

This project is scheduled to begin in 2012 with an initial budget of \$1,300,000.00. The intention is to begin the environmental assessment and design in the fall with construction in the summer of 2014. The closure of this bridge will have a significant impact on the surrounding community as it is a prime east/west connection and detour routes are not ideal due to the location of retirement homes and the Strathroy Middlesex General Hospital.

A request for proposal to complete the environmental assessment, detailed design, and contract administration for the project was issued in early July and the County received six proposals by the 12 noon August 1, 2012 deadline. The proposals were evaluated based on the completeness of the proposal, the experience of the firm, the identification of critical components of the project (detour routes, closure length, environmental issues, etc.) and the overall cost. The total fees ranged from approximately \$182,000.00 to \$525,000.00 and any of the firms would meet the County's requirements with respect to staff and previous experience on similar projects.

It is recommended that the proposal submitted by AECOM Canada Ltd. for the total estimated price of \$253,518.00 plus HST be accepted. Their proposal was extremely detailed, provided the expected environmental assessment and contract administration components, recognized the impact on the community and presented an aggressive construction schedule to limit the duration of the road closure for the bridge replacement.

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RECOMMENDATION

That AECOM Canada Ltd. be awarded the environmental assessment, detailed design and contract administration assignment for the removal and replacement of the Albert Street Bridge in the total amount of \$253,518 plus HST.