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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Municipality of Brockton
100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68
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**RE: Municipality of Brockton
Walker West Booster Pumping Station
Tender Review**

Tenders, as summarized by the following table, were received on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 for the construction of the Walker West Booster Pumping Station in the community of Walkerton.

Tenderer	Tendered Amount (incl. HST)
Stone Town Construction Limited	\$1,329,981.84
W.S. Morgan Construction Limited	\$1,461,090.00
BGL Contractors Corp.	\$1,553,072.00
Finnbilt General Contracting Limited	\$1,578,461.97

Each tender includes a contingency allowance of \$25,000 + HST. All tenders were properly signed, and each was submitted with the specified bid bond and Agreement to Bond or alternate equivalent. The "Detailed Breakdown Schedule of Items and Prices" were received on Friday, April 23, 2021 from the two contractors with the lowest bids. Stone Town Construction Limited's breakdown was found to be mathematically correct, whereas W.S. Morgan Construction Limited's breakdown was calculated to be \$33,450 + HST above what their tendered amount was.

The estimated construction budget for the project was \$760,000 + HST = \$858,800. The budget included the cost of the pre-purchased equipment (five pumps and one generator) but did not include the watermain that is to be connected on the north side of Bruce Road 2, which based on tender pricing will cost in excess of \$50,000 + HST. Even after this adjustment, the tendered

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amounts are well above anticipated pricing based on other projects in recent years. Our experience over the past number of months, in tendering this type of work, has been pricing inflation well above annual norms.

Further review focused on the tender of Stone Town Construction Limited (Stone Town), as they were the lowest tender submitted. We are familiar with Stone Town from past projects related to new facility construction and facility rehabilitation, and have consistently been satisfied with their performance. Stone Town also had the shortest estimated "Time for Completion", of 20 weeks.

Stone Town has listed Doucet Power and Controls as a sub-trade for the electrical portion of the project, representing approximately 27% of the contract value. Other sub-trades include G.A. Masonry.

Based on our review, we can see no reason not to award this project to Stone Town Construction Limited. We do note that the tender should be awarded conditional upon resolution of the Bell easement through the proposed station property.

Please be advised that certain aspects of this project require a DWWP amendment for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Although the amendment has been applied for, it has not yet been received. This will not prevent awarding of the contract by the Municipality, however those portions of the project requiring the DWWP amendment cannot be put into service until the final approval has been issued.

Enclosed, is a copy of the "Detailed Breakdown Schedule of Items and Prices" of Stone Town's tender for your information.

If you require any additional information to inform the decision, or have any other questions, please let me know.

Yours very truly

B. M. ROSS AND ASSOCIATES LIMITED

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