



**REPORT TO REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2007**

SUBJECT NEW SUPPLY PIPELINE TO DISTRICT OF SOOKE
 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BRIDGE DEMOLITION AT OLD WOLF CREEK

PURPOSE

To confirm the contract award for the demolition of the bridge crossing Old Wolf Creek.

BACKGROUND

Bridge Demolition Contract

The proposed New Supply Pipeline to the District of Sooke will generally follow Sooke River Road in the south and the old CNR rail grade in the north, part of which forms the Galloping Goose Regional Trail (GGRT). Although the GGRT ends in the vicinity of Leechtown, the old rail grade continues north toward the Sooke watershed and the land surrounding the rail grade is owned by the Capital Regional District (CRD). Within this latter stretch is an old railway bridge over Old Wolf Creek that has deteriorated and is unsafe to cross.

Construction of the new supply pipeline will require installation of a new bridge crossing Old Wolf Creek to carry the pipeline and allow service vehicle access. The bridge design will include foundations that are constructed on the stream banks and a bridge deck that can be lifted into place by a crane from either side of the creek. This will allow the bridge installation work to proceed at any time of year.

However, the old railway bridge must be removed during the “fisheries window” period of mid-July through mid-September because men and machinery need to work within the stream channel.

Tenders for the Old Wolf Creek Bridge demolition were issued in June and three bids were received on July 12, 2007 as follows:

Tenderer	Tendered amount (including GST)
Ralmax Developments Ltd	\$128,712.62
H. L. Demolition & Waste Management	\$146,280.00
Ruskin Construction Ltd.	\$255,483.32

The low tender by Ralmax Developments totaling \$128,712.62 was acceptable, but exceeded the \$100,000 limit of authority for the General Manager of Water Services. Since it was critical to proceed with the work within the “fisheries window”, the General Manager received the concurrence of the Chair of the Regional Water Supply Commission (RWSC) to award the contract as bid, rather than call a special meeting of the RWSC in mid-August solely to award this contract.

Project Status

After the contractor obtained and provided the necessary contract bonds and insurance, the Notice to Proceed was issued on August 20, 2007. The contractor started demolition work in late August and an environmental monitor will be on-site regularly to ensure that all work is performed in conformance with the requirements of the BC Ministry of Environment. All demolition work and clean-up will be completed in advance of the September RWSC meeting.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2006 through 2008 budgets include a total of \$20,845,000 to complete the New Supply Pipeline to Sooke and the Sooke River Road Disinfection Facility. The majority of these costs will occur in 2008 during the main construction phases of the projects.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Water Supply Commission confirm the award of contract to Ralmax Developments Ltd. in the amount of \$128,712.62 (including GST).

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