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**REPORT TO WILDERNESS MOUNTAIN WATER SERVICE COMMISSION
MEETING OF TUESDAY 03 JANUARY 2012**

**SUBJECT AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 2011-548 – WILDERNESS MOUNTAIN WATER
TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

ISSUE

A contract is required for the construction of water treatment improvements for the Wilderness Mountain water system in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area.

BACKGROUND

The Wilderness Mountain water system is undergoing planned capital improvements including the installation of a new water supply pump, disinfection system, flow meter, instrumentation, supplementary treatment building and access road improvements. The work was designed by Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) on the behalf of the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The CRD issued a public tender for the construction of the water treatment improvements and four tenders were received by the CRD's Purchaser by the closing time on December 19, 2011. The tenders are summarized as follows:

Tenderer	Calendar Days to Complete	Revised Tender Amount (including 12% HST)
1. Ridgeline Mechanical Ltd., Comox	105	\$ 418,588.59
2. Tiger Purification Systems Inc., Victoria	120	\$ 494,746.56*
3. Brunnell Construction Ltd., Cobble Hill	120	\$ 612,863.44
4. Northridge Excavating Ltd., Victoria	70	\$ 730,282.28

*no provisional amount provided

Stantec has conducted a detailed evaluation of the tenders and have revised the tender amounts where corrections were needed. The tendered amounts include provisional work related to the access road improvements, although Tiger Purification did not provide a provisional price. Ridgeline Mechanical Ltd. (Ridgeline) is the lowest eligible tenderer.

The CRD staff are not familiar with Ridgeline's work, although Ridgeline was hired by the CRD in 2010 for a project on Salt Spring Island that resulted in termination of the contract and negotiated settlement in favour of Ridgeline. Stantec has conducted reference checks and concludes that Ridgeline is able to complete the work.

ALTERNATIVES

1. That the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission recommend to the CRD Board that a contract for construction of the water treatment plant work (Tender Reference No. 2011-548) be awarded to Ridgeline Mechanical Ltd. for the amount of \$418,588.59, including HST.
2. That the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission receive this report for information.

IMPLICATIONS

Alternative 1

Award the project to Ridgeline Mechanical Ltd. for the amount of \$418,588.59 including HST and the provisional work related to the access road. The amount is reasonable value and within the budgeted amount for the project.

Alternative 2

If a construction contract is not awarded for water treatment improvements, then alternate plans would have to be developed to accomplish drinking water quality improvements.

CONCLUSION

The bid received from Ridgeline Mechanical Ltd. meets the terms of the tender and is within the project budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Wilderness Mountain Water Service Commission recommend to the CRD Board that a contract for construction of the water treatment plant work (Tender Reference No. 2011-548) be awarded to Ridgeline Mechanical Ltd. for the amount of \$418,588.59 including HST.

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