

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** September 3, 2003
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
SUBJECT: CONTRACT NO. 2003-19
 WILLARD STREET & MEADOW AVENUE
 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - PHASE 1
PURPOSE: To obtain approval for Phase 1 of the Willard Street & Meadow Avenue drainage improvement project.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Agron Industries Inc., for Phase 1 of the Willard Street & Meadow Avenue drainage improvement project for a total cost of \$305,271.00 with final payment based on actual quantities and unit prices tendered.

REPORT

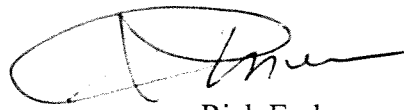
Four tenders for this contract were received by the closing time of 3:00 p.m., Monday August 25, 2003 and were opened by staff in the presence of representatives of the firms bidding. The tenders received are as follows:

Agron Industries Inc.	\$305,271.00
Sandpiper Contracting Ltd.	\$348,740.82
Ponte Bros. Contracting Ltd.	\$374,318.10
Pacific Underground Installations (1990) Ltd.	\$482,249.00

The work of this contract involves the supply of all labour, materials, tools, plant and equipment required for the construction of approximately 100 meters of assorted culverts and other related works. The Director Engineering's estimate for this work is \$233,000.

The recommended bidder, Agron Industries Inc., has satisfactorily completed similar projects for the City. The Director Engineering is satisfied that they have the experience and resources to complete the work of this contract. The Director Engineering and our consultant, Associated Engineering (BC) Ltd., concur with the above recommendation.

Sufficient funds are available and this project is included in the Storm Sewers component of the 2003-2007 Annual Capital Program. Funding for this project is available in a work order previously approved by Council.



for

Rick Earle
DIRECTOR FINANCE

cc. Director Engineering