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Meeting..... 2012 April 16

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2012 April 03
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE **FILE:** 21-02/12
SUBJECT: CONTRACT NO. 2012-01
UTILITY UPGRADE PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To obtain approval to award a contract for the Utility Upgrade Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a contract be awarded to the lowest bidder Fournier Excavating Ltd. for a total cost of \$1,659,470.40 including HST in the amount of \$177,800.40. Final payment will be based on actual quantities and unit prices tendered.

REPORT

Ten tenders for this contract ranging from \$1,659,470.40 to \$2,399,738.88 were received by the closing time of 3:00 p.m., Thursday, 2012 March 08.

The work of this contract includes the supply of all labour, equipment and materials for construction of utility upgrades consisting of replacement of approximately 1,570 metres of existing sanitary sewers by open-cut or by pipe-bursting, replacement of approximately 870 metres of existing watermain, including installation of service connections and appurtenances, existing pavement removal and replacement, and surface restoration.

The recommended bidder Fournier Excavating Ltd. has not previously undertaken a contract for the City, however reference checks indicate Fournier Excavating Ltd. have successfully completed similar sized contracts in a satisfactory manner for the City of Nanaimo, City of Port Alberni and the Provincial Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. It has been determined that Fournier Excavating Ltd. has the resources to successfully complete the required work of this contract and it is therefore recommended that Fournier Excavating Ltd. be awarded the contract in the amount of \$1,659,470.40 including HST in the amount of \$177,800.40.

The Director Engineering concurs with the above recommendation.

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This contract is funded from Water (WBS.EJA.0009) and Sewer (EKA.0009) utility funds previously approved by Council on 2012 January 16. These expenditures are included in the Water and Sewer Utility component of the 2012 Provisional Financial Plan.

Denise Jorgenson
DIRECTOR FINANCE

cc. Director Engineering