Corporate Report

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TO:	**Mayor & Council**	DATE:	**April 13, 2005**
FROM:	**General Manager, Engineering**	FILE:	**1220-20-01-05**
SUBJECT:	**Tender No. 1220-20-01-05 - Annual Supply Contract for Mainline Water Pipe**		

RECOMMENDATION

To purchase mainline water pipe [Ductile Iron] on an as required basis for a one-year period from Wolseley Waterworks Group for up to $550,000, including applicable sales taxes and available cash discounts.

INTENT

To enter into a fixed price contract with the low bidder to enable the City to purchase mainline water pipe over the next twelve [12] months on an as needed basis.

DISCUSSION

During the course of the year, the City purchases various sizes and types of mainline water pipe for various ~~capital~~ projects and maintenance work. The City's practice is to invite tenders for the supply and delivery of these variations and award supply contracts to the low bidders on an item-by-item basis. Purchases are then made throughout the year on a project-by-project basis.

Tenders for the supply of six different sizes of ductile iron mainline water pipe to be used on an as needed basis over the next twelve [12] months were received on January 31st, 2005 from three major suppliers capable of meeting the City's specifications and requirements.

The City also purchases PVC pipe, but there are more manufacturers of PVC and the delivery period is much shorter; consequently, we do not need to tender to pre-purchase PVC pipe. Overall, in the City, a greater length of PVC pipe is used compared to Ductile Iron Pipe.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Wolsely Waterworks Group for the supply of up to six different sizes of ductile iron mainline water pipe for up to $550,000, including all applicable sales taxes and available cash discounts. Funding is available in the 2005 Engineering ~~Capital and Operations~~Program budgets.

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