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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **July 20, 2011**

FROM: **General Manager, Engineering** PROJECT FILE: **2320-01**

SUBJECT: **Engineering Department Contract Awards between August 1, 2011 and September 1, 2011**

RECOMMENDATION

The Engineering Department recommends that during the period from August 1, 2011 to September 1, 2011, Council authorize the City Manager to make a decision on the award of Contracts M.S. 4810-052-11, M.S. 1710-006-21 and M.S. 1705-001-71 which are described in this report, provided the following criteria are satisfied:

1. Tenders are received through an open tender process;
2. The award is to the contractor submitting the lowest bid which fully meets the contract specifications; and
3. The contract award is within the approved budget for the related work.

DISCUSSION

Council does not meet during the month of August. In previous years, to award Engineering Department construction contracts during this period, Council has deferred such authority to the City Manager for specific contracts subject to certain criteria being met in relation to such awards as listed in the recommendation section of this report. This practice is considered reasonable in recognition of the benefits that accrue from the related construction work being carried out during favorable weather conditions.

Based on a review of projects that are either currently in the design phase or in the tender process, the following contracts are expected to be ready to award during the month of August:

1. **Contract M.S. 4810-052-11:** This contract involves the replacement of an existing wood stave culvert, which is currently hindering the passage of fish along Erickson Creek. To minimize impacts to aquatic habitat and species, Fisheries and Oceans Canada requires that these works be completed during the summer “fisheries window” between August 1 and September 15.

2. **Contract M.S. 1710-006-21:** This contract involves the relocation of a water main, storm sewer main, natural gas distribution pipeline and natural gas transmission main and associated crossings of the B.C. Railway along 152 Street between the 5100 block and 54A Avenue. This work is required to facilitate construction of a grade separation of 152 Street at its crossing of the B.C. Railway near Colebrook Road.
3. **Contract M.S. 1705-001-71:** The contract involves widening to four lanes of Fraser Highway from west of the Serpentine River Bridge to the 17900 Block, including the 176 Street (Highway 15) intersection. Completion of this safety and capacity improvement project is the subject of significant public interest and will alleviate the traffic congestion along this segment of Fraser Highway.

Council will be informed by way of memorandum of the award of each of these contracts immediately upon such award being approved by the City Manager.

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