



SIoux LOOKOUT

Hub of the North

REPORT

MEETING TYPE: Regular Council Meeting

To:	Council
From:	Yajvir Deswal, Engineering and Capital Projects Manager
Date:	May 21, 2025
Subject:	Award of Contract - Prime Consultant Services for Water Standpipe Study
Report No.:	2025-548

TITLE: Award of Contract - Prime Consultant Services for Water Standpipe Study

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council awards the Contract for the Prime Consultant Services for the Water Standpipe Replacement Study (RFP No. R012-2025) to WSP Canada Inc. for the amount of \$60,500.00 plus HST; and further

THAT Council authorizes the passing of By-law No. 35-25, Being a By-law to Authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to Execute a Contract between The Corporation of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout and WSP Canada Inc. for the Water Standpipe Replacement Study in the amount of \$60,500.00 plus HST.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to award the consulting contract to WSP Canada Inc. for the completion of the Water Standpipe Replacement Study, following a competitive procurement process conducted in accordance with the Municipality's Procurement Policy.

BACKGROUND:

The Municipality of Sioux Lookout identified the need to assess the condition and future viability of the existing water standpipe. This study will evaluate the feasibility and constructability of both rehabilitating the existing standpipe and replacing it with a new structure.

The RFP (R012-2025) for Prime Consultant Services was posted on Merx on February 28, 2025. The scope included condition assessment, options analysis, and conceptual design development. The closing date for submissions was April 17, 2025.

Four technical proposals were received and evaluated by Colliers Project Leaders on behalf of the Municipality. Two proponents, WSP and Kresin Engineering, were shortlisted for cost

evaluation.

DISCUSSION:

Following the evaluation of technical and cost proposals, WSP is being recommended for the award based on the following considerations:

- WSP presented a clear, structured methodology and a multidisciplinary team equipped to deliver the project within scope and timeline.
- Their pricing proposal, while slightly higher than Kresin's by approximately \$2,554, is accompanied by a detailed work breakdown and risk mitigation through resource depth.
- Colliers concluded that WSP is better positioned to manage the complexity of the feasibility and options analysis, while also demonstrating the capacity to maintain the anticipated project timeline.

Colliers will continue to support the Municipality during the project execution phase. The anticipated project timeline is from May to July 2025.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Strategic Priority: Community Innovation & Development

Goal: *Provide infrastructure and housing to meet the needs of our community, now and as it grows.*

This project supports the following actions under this goal:

- Ensure that our assets are sustainable and that they will meet our long-term needs.
- Use municipal best practices to identify innovative approaches to managing our infrastructure.

The Water Standpipe Replacement Study represents a proactive investment in critical water infrastructure. By assessing the feasibility of rehabilitating or replacing the aging standpipe, the project ensures Sioux Lookout is well positioned to support future growth, protect public health, and plan capital investments that align with long-term community needs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The project costs will be funded 100% by the Water & Sewer Network Reserve.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [35-25-- BABL to Execute a Contract with WSP Canada Inc for the Standpipe .docx](#)
2. [Standpipe Replacement Study - Consultant Recommendation Letter - WSP.pdf](#)

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