

Thank you Mayor Finch for speaking with me today, and answering my question regarding a council meeting to award the contract for the SHRC updates.

From the conversation, you reported you were unaware of any meeting scheduled.

To further understand my question I am sending information on the expectation of a council decision on or before May 30.

From the tender document"

"A: The tender opening will occur on Thursday May 26th at 2PM (EDT). Once the opening is completed, Invizij Architects will review and provide the Municipality a recommendation. Council award of the successful bidder will occur on or prior to May 30, 2022.

The anticipated project start date is dependent on Council award of the successful bidder on or prior to May 30, 2022. Once Council approves the successful bidder, an initial construction meeting will be scheduled within five (5) days and a project start date can occur after this meeting."

When is the expected start date, as the window to get this completed for the next ice season( August 30) is fast approaching?

"The tender document 1.26 reported that HST is applicable to the items listed in the tender, however, it is not to be quoted unit cost.

Please quote all prices HST extra"

And finally bids submitted:

"Elgin Contracting \$5,518,920 ( Including HST)

Di Cocco \$ 6,152,850 ( Including HST) "

Understand this is starting out to be over budget, even before it is awarded,

Is there also a contingency cost for unexpected problems during construction?

At this point it looks like the second officials change room, to accommodate female officials will be left for the next council to deal with. Do we have any reports on other expected costs in the next 2-3 years, such as a roof?

Hope I have helped to convey the importance of transparency in the form of a council meeting, where the public can observe the decision making process.

Sincerely

Maureen Cole