



## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**DATE:** April 24, 2015

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**SUBJECT:** Engineering Contract for Boat Launch Project

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council enter into a fixed fee contract for \$40,400 with Skyline Engineering Ltd. out of Victoria BC for the provision of engineering services for the Boat Launch Project.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Village issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 13, 2015 with a closing date of April 10, 2015. The RFP was advertised on CivicInfo and in the local paper, the Haida Gwaii Observer. The request asked for a construction plan with cost estimates including all engineering costs and project oversight. Proponents were sent the Boat Launch Survey and a project overview. The Village received four bids on the project:

<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Price</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>Included Services</b>	<b>Optional Services</b>	
Skyline Engineering Ltd.	\$40,400 fixed fee	n/a	\$40,400
Stantec Engineering	\$42,463 fixed fee	n/a	\$42,463
Associated Engineering	\$52,500 fixed fee	\$16,500 fixed fee	\$68,500
Northwest Hydraulic	\$53,683 fixed fee per task	\$70,250 fixed fee per task	\$122,183

In addition to being the lowest bidder, Skyline Engineering Ltd. was the only proponent to suggest using precast concrete panels, which would be cast on island using local contractors, and would eliminate the challenges of resurfacing under the water line. The proposal also included a community presentation/consultation and input process. There is also a local connection as one of the company partners, Cord MacLean, P.Eng. was originally from Haida Gwaii and his father still lives here.

Skyline Engineering's references included the Royal Victoria Yacht Club where they have rebuilt the marina, and are working on a tidal grid wharf expansion which includes a new concrete slab-on-grade boat launch ramp. Their projects have ranged in price from \$100,000 to \$2 million.

The company was formed in March 2015 and the founding partners have over 55 years' experience and pride themselves on providing superior client service. They were all previously partners at a national engineering firm together.

The next closest proposal in terms of price was from Stantec Engineering. Both Associated Engineering and Northwest Hydraulic Consultants provided proposals that are well over budget, without including the optional services.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT OF RECCOMENDATION (if applicable):**

The budget for the boat launch project is \$392,388 and included an estimate of approximately \$44,888 in project engineering costs, with the bulk of the remaining budget to be used for construction. The Skyline Engineering Ltd. proposal provided the most creative options; had excellent references; included plans for local contracting opportunities during construction; and had the lowest price coming in under budget at \$40,400 fixed fee.

**Budgeted Amount: \$44,888**

**Unbudgeted Amount: n/a**

**RECOMMENDED BY:**



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