

Date: October 4, 2017

Report To: Mayor & Council

From: Tyson Dennis, Chief Building Official/Municipal Planner

Re: **Museum Universal Barrier Free Bathroom Renovation, Front Door and Lockable Gate**

Council will recall in the 2017 Capital Budget, funding was made available through Fednor and the Canada 150 grant for renovations to the Fort France Museum. The Museum roof, universal barrier free bathroom and barrier free ramp were all part of these renovations. As of today, the roof renovations have been complete with new shingles and flashing.

In June of 2017 a tender was issued using public newspaper, internet advertising and the Fort Frances Town website for an RFP for a universal barrier free bathroom, front door replacement and barrier free ramp to enter the building. The RFP process was unsuccessful with no bids being submitted at the closing date.

At the end of July, Saulteaux Engineering was hired by the Town of Fort Frances to complete a design for the project. The design was completed and accepted by the Planning and Development department for the work at the Fort Frances Museum. With design requirements finalized, another tender package was issued in October of 2017 using public newspaper advertising, internet advertising and the Fort Frances Town website. The mandatory site visit brought forward seven contractors as potential bidders. At the closing of the tender, again no bidders submitted.

The Chief Building Official contacted the contractors which came to the mandatory site visit and the explanation for not submitting bids for the tender was unanimous, as contractors are too busy for interior and exterior work to be completed within the time restraints of the tender.

Administration contacted the representatives from Fednor and the Canada 150 grants and there will be no extensions given to have work completed beyond March 31, 2017.

As there have been two tender packages completed to award work at the Museum with no success, Administration has contact Ed Halverson Construction to submit a quote for the interior work at the Museum. Ed Halverson Construction has bid the original design of the Museum project, minus the barrier free ramp. Due to winter weather and completion dates, foundation work is unable to be completed prior to March 31, 2017.

The contract of work which has been bid by Ed Halverson Construction will include a new front exterior door with side lights equipped with barrier free hardware, a drop-down gate limiting access to the basement and upper floors for 24-hour service to the washroom (pending direction by Council to do so) and convert the two existing bathrooms into a universal barrier free bathroom. The quote for the work is \$51 600.00 plus HST.

The recommendation by Administration is to award the work described above to Ed Halverson Construction. Administration will continue to push for funding extensions beyond March 31, 2017 for completion of the barrier free ramp.

Respectfully submitted,

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Council approval of this report will: award the interior work at the Fort Frances Museum for a universal barrier free bathroom, front door equipped with barrier free hardware and a drop-down gate limiting access to the Museum building for 24-hour access to the washroom area (pending direction by Council) for a price of \$51 600.00 plus HST.