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## Corporate Report

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**Report from** Transportation & Environmental Services, Engineering and Construction

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**Date of Meeting:** June 24, 2013

**Report Number:** TES-165-2013

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**Subject:** Project P12-103 – Municipal Services Improvements – Crestcombe / Springbank – Release of Completion and Lien Holdback Payment

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council grant approval to release the completion and release of holdback payment for Project P12-103, Municipal Services Improvements – Crestcombe / Springbank in the amount of \$38,812.10 plus applicable taxes to Vic Vatr Contracting Ltd. FORTHWITH

### BACKGROUND

Approval of Completion and Holdback payments was delegated to staff by Council at its meeting of March 8, 2004. Exceptions to this delegation deal with those projects whose final cost exceeds the awarded contract price.

In its meeting of October 15, 2012, Council awarded the tender for the Municipal Services Improvements – Crestcombe / Springbank to the low bidder, Vic Vatr Contracting Ltd. at their bid price of \$369,671.27 plus HST.

The project limits on Crestcombe Road extended from Ridley Heights Drive to Springbank Drive and on Springbank Drive from Crestcombe Road to Ridley Heights Drive. The scope of works included replacement of an existing cast iron watermain with a new P.V.C. watermain within the project limits.

### REPORT

Construction for this project was completed on May 15, 2013. The final estimated value of all work completed under the project is \$382,210.73 plus applicable taxes. The final cost exceeds the awarded contract amount by \$12,539.46.

Variations in the final quantities for several of the tender items have contributed towards the additional costs. The deteriorated condition of the existing watermain on Springbank Drive resulted in many watermain breaks during construction resulting in additional costs for repairs completed by the contractor. Final sod restoration quantities were also much higher than estimated due to additional damages during construction resulting from weather related wet ground conditions.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Additional funds of \$12,539.46 over the original contract amount are required to pay for all the work completed under the construction project. This amount equates to approximately 3% of the original tender amount.

The City Treasurer has confirmed that there are sufficient funds available in the project budget to absorb the additional construction costs for the project.

Council has requested a report from staff regarding over expenditures on capital projects and specifically both the City's and the Region's policies associated with the same. This report will be presented to Council for consideration in July of this year.

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