



## NEWS RELEASE

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### City Awards Tender for McMillan Street Upgrade Project

At the July 18 meeting, Parksville Council approved the award of a \$1,906,155 tender for construction of the McMillan Street upgrade project to Windley Contracting Ltd. The City will receive grants from BC Hydro and ICBC, totalling \$188,367. Windley Contracting of Nanaimo submitted the lowest bid among five competitive bidders and have successfully completed a number of capital works projects for the City in the past.

The McMillan Street upgrade project involves reconstruction, widening and upgrading of 300 meters of roadway along McMillan Street, from West Island Highway 19A, south through the Hirst Avenue intersection. The project includes significant safety improvements for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as aesthetic enhancements such as undergrounding of overhead utility lines and streetscape amenities. Some of the project's key features include two pedestrian signals, wide sidewalks, bike lanes, decorative street lights, street trees and a new traffic signal at the Hirst Avenue intersection which as a pilot project, will use energy-efficient LED lights .

"We are pleased to see competitive bidding and a low bid below the engineer's cost estimate," said Acting Mayor Chris Burger. "We look forward to proceeding with the much needed upgrade and safety improvements to McMillan Street."

Construction is scheduled to begin in late August and the construction contract requires that construction must be completed within a twelve month period from start of construction. Although the project is expected to begin and wrap up during two summer tourist seasons, the contractor, construction manager and City staff will make every effort to minimize construction impact on the public and local businesses.

A public open house will be held in late August, prior to the start of construction to address questions or concerns from the public. As well, the public will be advised in advance of any anticipated delays, expected to be minimal during the construction phase. Except for short/isolated durations, traffic will be maintained in both directions at all times during construction.

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