

Bid Documents for
Township of Norwich
Vermeersch Branch

Contract No. 300060537.0000

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Vermeersch Branch Township of Norwich

<u>Tender Summary</u>		
Issue	Project Particulars	Document Reference
Contract No.	300060537.0000	-
Owner	Township of Norwich Contact: Dirk Kramer - Drainage Superintendent	A.1.1 and A.7.5
Contract Administrator	R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited Contact: Chris Thompson, P.Eng.	A.1.2, A.1.3
Tender Closing Date	Friday March 6, 2026	A.7.5
Tender Closing Time	2:00:00 p.m. (14:00:00 hrs.)	A.7.5
Estimated Tender Value	\$44,780	-
Certified Cheque Required	Yes	A.10.1
Amount of Certified Cheque	\$4,478	A.10.1
Bid Bonding	10 % of bid price	A.10.2; A.16.1
Required Insurance Amount	\$5,000,000.00 (CGL and Auto)	A.11.1, D.1.2, GC 6.03.02.01
Parties to be named as Co-insureds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Township of Norwich R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited 	A.11.1 and D.1.2
Required Work Period Completion Date	December 18, 2026 (Substantial Performance)	D.1.1
General Conditions of Contract	OPSS.MUNI.100 (November 2024)	C.2.1
Warranty Holdback	2.5%	G - Article III (b) ii, iv GC 8.02.04.01.02, C.2.3.21
Pre-Construction Meeting	Prior to commencement of work	F - Special Provisions
Notice of Final Inspection	2 days prior to meeting	F - Special Provisions
Warranty Period Required	1 (one) year from Declaration of Substantial Completion	C.2.3.6, C.2.3.19

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Instructions to Bidders

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1 THE WORK

- 1.1 The work (“Work”) is the construction of a new tile branch of the Palmer Drain, located on Lot 6, Concession 3 (“Place of the Work”) for Township of Norwich (“Owner”), as is more particularly described in the Bid Documents (as defined in Section 3.1 of these Instructions to Bidders) and Contract (as defined in Section 3.2 of these Instructions to Bidders).
- 1.2 The firm of R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited is the “Contract Administrator” who will be administering this request for Bids and administering the Contract that may be awarded as a result of this request for Bids.
- 1.3 All inquiries regarding this Work, or this request for Bids, are only to be directed in writing via the ‘submit a question’ option through the bid system or to the Contract Administrator’s representative as follows:

Name: Chris Thompson, P.Eng.
Address: 35 Perry Street, Suite 2
Woodstock, ON N4S 3C4
Telephone: 226-888-5649
Email: chris.thompson@rjburnside.com

2 WORK AND BIDDERS

- 2.1 The scope of Work is more particularly described in the Bid Documents.
- 2.2 The Owner is requesting Bids (as defined in Section 7.2 of these Instructions to Bidders) in connection with the Work from qualified contractors (in the case of an advertised tender), or from the pre-qualified or invited contractors listed below (if applicable). Each contractor who responds to this request for Bids is defined as a Bidder (collectively, the “Bidders”).

3 BID DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACT

3.1 Bid Documents

- .1 The Bid Documents consist of:
 - (i) Document A – Instructions to Bidders;
 - (ii) Document B – Bid;
 - (iii) the specifications and drawings listed in Document E (collectively, the “Specifications and Drawings”)

- (iv) the Contract;
- (v) all Addenda (as defined in Section 6.4 of these Instructions to Bidders) that were issued in writing by the Owner or Contract Administrator prior to the Bid Closing Time (as defined in Section 7.5 of these Instructions to Bidders).

.2 The Owner's Purchasing By-law and procurement policies and procedures (if applicable) are incorporated into the Bid Documents by reference and shall take priority over the other provisions in these Instructions to Bidders with respect to procurement policies and procedures to be followed by the Owner during the Owner's consideration and selection process. Copies of the Owner's Purchasing By-law and procurement policies and procedures (if applicable) are available for review by the Bidders at the offices of the Owner.

3.2 The Contract for this request for Bids ("Contract") consists of:

- .1 Agreement between Owner and Contractor listed in Document G;
- .2 Documents describing clarifications, if any are requested and accepted by the Owner following the Bid Closing Time;
- .3 General Conditions of Contract, (OPSS.MUNI 100, November 2024), as modified by the Supplemental General Conditions;
- .4 Supplemental General Conditions listed in Document C;
- .5 the Specifications and Drawings (Document E), and the General Requirements (Document D);
- .6 Addenda that were issued in writing by the Owner or Contract Administrator prior to the Bid Closing Time;
- .7 Instructions to Bidders (Document A) and Bid (Document B); and
- .8 Special Provisions listed in Document F.

3.3 One copy of the Bid Documents for bidding purposes will be issued to each Bidder by the Contract Administrator (or the Owner, if applicable) at the address set out in Section 1.3 provided that the Bidder has provided the Contract Administrator with its full name, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, e-mail address and contact person.

4 EXAMINATION OF THE PLACE OF THE WORK

4.1 The Bidder is fully responsible for obtaining all information required for the preparation of their Bid and, prior to submitting a Bid, the Bidder shall have visited and carefully examined the Place of the Work and the surrounding area in a reasonable and prudent manner and satisfied itself as to the scope and character of the Work and all conditions and information affecting the Work and how the Work is to be completed, including, without limitation, the nature and

location of the Work, working areas, storage areas, local features including private property and utilities, access to and at the Place of the Work, weather conditions and any other factors which may influence the performance of the Work and/or the pricing of the Work.

- 4.2 In addition to the Bid Documents, the following reference documents (collectively, the “Reference Documents”) shall also be issued to each Bidder by the Contract Administrator (or the Owner, if applicable) at the address set out in Section 1.3, provided that the Bidder has provided the Contract Administrator with the fee and information required by Section 3.3:

- **No Reference Documents**

The Reference Documents are provided for reference and information only and do not form part of the Bid Documents or Contract. The Owner and the Contract Administrator make no representation or warranty with respect to the accuracy or completeness of the Reference Documents and the Bidder is responsible for obtaining its own independent legal and technical advice with respect to the Reference Documents. Any comments in the Reference Documents on potential construction problems and possible methods are intended only for the guidance of the design engineer and are not to be relied upon by the Bidder. Therefore, the Bidders should make their own interpretations, and draw their own conclusions, on the information presented in the Reference Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Bidders will make their own assessments as to how the subsurface conditions may affect the Work, their proposed operations and pricing. The number of boreholes and/or test pits on which the Reference Documents are based may not be sufficient to determine all the factors that may affect construction methods, costs and performance of the Work. No claim for extras relating to work required to deal with conditions anticipated in the soils report will be entertained.

- 4.3 The Owner may arrange for test pit excavations and/or informational site visit(s) during the tender period in order to provide prospective Bidders with an opportunity to gather additional information regarding soil/groundwater conditions and/or particular issues and concerns impacting upon the staging / completion of the Work. All Prospective Bidders are encouraged to avail themselves of this resource. The Contractor warrants that sufficient site information gathering has been undertaken and factored into the Bid, either through attendance at the site visit(s) arranged for by the Owner (if any), or through the Contractor’s own investigations undertaken outside of the Owner-organised site visits.

Bidders may, at their own expense, excavate test pits or undertake other investigations to explore the existing conditions with prior written approval of the Owner and at the Owner’s discretion.

5 PRE-BID MEETING

- 5.1 Not Applicable.

6 DISCREPANCIES, OMISSIONS, AMBIGUITIES, COMMENTS, AND ADDENDA

- 6.1 The Bidder shall review information furnished to it by or on behalf of the Owner (including, without limitation, the Bid Documents) in a reasonable and prudent manner and satisfy itself that they (including, without limitation, the scope of the Work) are complete and clear.
- 6.2 Bidders finding discrepancies, omissions, errors, departures from good practice and ambiguities, or having other questions or comments in respect of the Bid Documents or any other information furnished to it by or on behalf of the Owner or having any doubt as the meaning of the Bid Documents or any other information furnished to it by or on behalf of the Owner (including, without limitation, any uncertainty as to the proper manner of completing the Bid) shall notify the Contract Administrator immediately in writing (but not later than four (4) days before the Bid Closing Time), by email or via the 'submit a question' feature on the bid system only using the contact information of the Contract Administrator set out in Section 1.3 of these Instructions to Bidders.
- 6.3 The Owner reserves the right to distribute copies of any or all notices which it receives from the Bidders and the Owner's responses to such notices to all Bidders.
- 6.4 Prior to the Bid Closing Time, the Owner may change or add to any provision or part of the Bid Documents at any time or times (including, without limitation, appendices, supplemental information and other documents). Any changes or additions to the Bid Documents will be issued in writing by the Contract Administrator as a formal Addendum (collectively, the "Addenda" and individually, the "Addendum") to those Bidders who have provided the Owner with the information required by Section 3.3. In the Addendum, the Owner may, having regard to the circumstances, extend the Bid Closing Time. The Owner and Contract Administrator will not be responsible for oral explanations or instructions; any such oral explanations or instructions do not alter the Bid requirements or Bid Documents and should not be relied upon by the Bidders.
- 6.5 Bidders are responsible for ensuring that they have received all Addenda issued prior to the Bid Closing Time through contacting the bid issuing office for confirmation, or through other means.

7 SUBMISSION OF BIDS

7.1 In accordance with Section 7.5 of these Instructions to Bidders, Bidders shall deliver one (1) original of the Bid in a large sealed opaque envelope that should be clearly marked as Vermeersch Drain, 300060537.0000, and with the name and address of the Bidder.

7.2 The bid for the Work (the “Bid”) shall be comprised of the following:

- .1 Bid Form;
- .2 the Security (if applicable, and as defined in Section 10.1 of these Instructions to Bidders);
- .3 Appendix “A” – List of Bid Documents;
- .4 Appendix “B” – Subcontractors;
- .5 Appendix “C” – Schedule;
- .6 Appendix “D” – Residency;
- .7 Appendix “E” – Proposed Alternatives to the Work;
- .8 Appendix “F” – List of Experience; and
- .9 Appendix “G” – Schedule of Unit Prices

the forms of all of which are set out in Document B – Bid. In addition, Appendices “A” to “G”, inclusive, are also described in Section 20 of these Instructions to Bidders.

7.3 Bidder initiated alternatives:

- .1 Beyond the mandatory requirement to submit a price for the Work as specified, the Bidders have the option of submitting proposed alternatives to the Work (“Proposed Alternatives to the Work”) which:
 - (i) present economical, environmental or technical benefits;
 - (ii) are consistent with the requirements set out in the Bid Documents (including, without limitation, the Specifications and Drawings); and
 - (iii) still produce the desired end result.
- .2 Bidders shall submit Proposed Alternatives to the Work as Appendix “E” – Proposed Alternatives to the Work. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Proposed Alternatives to the Work shall include, without limitation, the following:
 - (i) a complete description with specifications, drawings and other information;

- (ii) the reason for proposed substitution;
- (iii) the differences between the specified work and the Proposed Alternatives to the Work and the necessary revisions to other work to accommodate the Proposed Alternatives to the Work;
- (iv) the amount by which the Bid Price will be increased or decreased; and
- (v) such other necessary information to permit an accurate analysis of the Proposed Alternatives to the Work.

.3 The Bidders understand that:

- (i) the Owner may accept any of the Proposed Alternatives to the Work and corresponding alternative prices in any order or combination, including all or none;
- (ii) the price adjustments due to the Proposed Alternatives to the Work will not be taken into account during the Bid evaluation process;
- (iii) Proposed Alternatives to the Work and the related price adjustments are open for acceptance by the Owner for the same period of time as the Bid;
- (iv) the Work and the contract price in the Contract shall reflect the Proposed Alternatives to the Work and related price adjustment, if any, accepted by the Owner at the time of Acceptance (as defined in Section 13.2 of these Instructions to Bidders);
- (v) acceptance of any Proposed Alternatives to the Work will not affect the date for Substantial Performance of the Work as set out in Document D; and
- (vi) acceptance of any Proposed Alternatives to the Work will not affect the list of Subcontractors set out in Appendix "B" – Subcontractors unless the Bidder specifically indicates a change to the list in the Proposed Alternatives to the Work and this change is accepted by the Owner.

7.4 All Bids submissions must be legible. Bidders shall be solely responsible for the delivery of their Bids in the manner and time prescribed in these Instructions to Bidders.

- 7.5 Bids must be delivered to the following location:

Township of Norwich

285767 Airport Road

Norwich, Ontario, N0J 1P0

Attention: Dirk Kramer, Drainage Superintendent

before **14:00:00 Hrs** local time as displayed by the clock at such location on **Friday March 6, 2026** (the date and time shall be the “Bid Closing Time”). The Owner may, in its sole and absolute discretion, extend the Bid Closing Time by issuing an Addendum.

- 7.6 Each Bid will be marked by the Owner with the time and date it was received. A Bid received after the Bid Closing Time will be disqualified and returned unopened.
- 7.7 The Bid is irrevocable by the Bidder submitting same and shall remain in effect and open for acceptance by the Owner for a period of ninety (90) days after the Bid Closing Time. Without limiting the generality of any other provision in the Bid Documents, the Acceptance of the Bid may take place at any time during such period of irrevocability. Except as expressly set out in these Instructions to Bidders, once submitted, a Bid may not be amended but if the Bid was submitted prior to the Bid Closing Time, such Bid may be withdrawn and a new complete Bid submitted prior to the Bid Closing Time. Where more than one (1) Bid is submitted by a Bidder prior to the Bid Closing Time, the last Bid to be received shall be deemed to have revoked and superseded any prior Bid by the applicable Bidder. Any new Bids must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of these Instructions to Bidders.
- 7.8 All costs and expenses incurred by the Bidders in connection with the Bids (including, without limitation, costs and expenses arising from involvement in any pre-qualification process conducted by the Owner, the preparation and submittal of the Bids, any clarifications requested by the Owner and visits to the Place of the Work) shall be borne by the Bidders and the Owner is not liable to pay for such costs and expenses or to otherwise reimburse or compensate the Bidders in connection with the Bids, provided that in the event the Owner breaches its obligations under this request for Bids, if any, or the Owner breaches its duty of care arising from this request for Bids, if any, the Owner may be responsible for the reasonable costs incurred by the Bidder in preparing its Bid, subject in any event to the limits in Section 17.2.

8 BID FORM AND BID PRICE

- 8.1 Bidders shall submit their Bids using the Bid Form and appendices (“Appendices”) described in Section 7.2 of these Instructions to Bidders. All sections of the Bid Form, including all applicable Appendices which are required by these Instructions to Bidders to be submitted by the Bidders, should be completed. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all blanks must be filled in and all entries for unit prices, lump sums, extensions and totals should be filled in, as appropriate (unless a 48 hour deferred item breakdown submission, or variation thereof, is allowed per Appendix G of Document B). Bids not completed in full may, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Owner, be disqualified. Apart from the completion of any blanks, a Bidder may not make amendments to the pre-printed wording of the forms comprising the Bid. Any such amendments made, whether on the face of such forms or contained elsewhere in the Bid may, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Owner, result in disqualification of the Bid.
- 8.2 The Bid Price shall include all applicable federal and provincial sales taxes, excise taxes, and other taxes, including the HST (referred to separately in Appendix “G”), customs and duties. The Bid Price shall be set out in the Bid Form.
- 8.3 The receipt of any and all Addenda modifying the Bid Documents must be acknowledged by the Bidder when completing Section 1.1 of the Bid Form.

9 BID SIGNING

- 9.1 The Bids shall be signed in accordance with the requirements of this Article 9. Note that the use of seals, while encouraged when available, is not mandatory.
- .1 Sole Proprietorship: Signature of sole proprietor in the presence of a witness who will also sign. Insert the words “Sole Proprietor” under the signature.
 - .2 Partnership: Signature of all partners in the presence of a witness who will also sign. Insert the word “Partner” under each signature. Affix seal to each signature.
 - .3 Limited Company: Signature of a duly authorized signing officer(s) in their normal signatures. Insert the officer’s capacity in which the signing officer acts, under each signature. Affix the corporate seal.
 - .4 Joint Venture: Each and every party of the joint venture shall sign under their respective seals in a manner appropriate to such party as described above.

10 BID DEPOSIT AND CONTRACT SECURITY

10.1 All Bidders shall include with each Bid:

A certified cheque in an amount equal to \$4,478 made payable to the Owner as a Bid Deposit. This cheque shall be held by the Owner as Contract Security for the successful Bidder.

The bid deposits of all but the lowest two Bidders will be returned within thirty (30) days after the Bid closing date. The bid deposit of the lowest Bidder will be retained by the Owner as Contract Security until the Contract has achieved Substantial Performance. The other bid deposit will be returned once a Bid has been accepted and a Contract has been executed by the Owner and successful Bidder.

10.2 As an alternative to the requirements of Section 10.1 above, Bidders may choose to provide the following:

- .1 An executed Bid Bond issued by a surety authorized to transact the business of suretyship in Ontario, in the latest form approved by the CCDC which is valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the Bid Closing Time, representing not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Bid Price (the "Security"); and
- .2 An executed Agreement to Bond issued by a surety authorized to transact the business of suretyship in Ontario, in the form attached as Attachment "A", or similar standard industry form generally in keeping with Attachment "A", which is valid for a period of ninety (90) days after the Bid Closing Time indicating that the Bidder is able to obtain from such surety a Performance Bond and a Labour and Material Payment Bond each for 100% of the Total Bid Price as required and in the form specified by the Contract. The cost of such Performance Bond and Labour and Material Payment Bond shall be included in the Bid Price.

10.3 Without prejudice to any other remedy or right which may be available to the Owner, the Security shall be forfeited if the Bidder refuses or fails to sign the Contract within five (5) days of being presented by the Contract Administrator with the Contract for execution.

11 INSURANCE

11.1 In addition to the other obligations elsewhere in the Contract, the successful Bidder shall be required to comply with the insurance requirements set out in Document D.

12 OWNERSHIP

- 12.1 All material and information delivered to the Owner by the Bidders in connection with or in relation to the Bids, including, without limitation, the Bids (collectively, the “Bid Materials”) shall be the sole and absolute property of the Owner.

13 BID OPENING

- 13.1 Bids will be opened by the Owner in public at:

Township of Norwich

285767 Airport Road

Norwich, Ontario, N0J 1P0

Attention: Dirk Kramer, Drainage Superintendent

at a date and time to be advised by the Owner. Public release of bid information will be strictly limited to Bidders’ names and, only if required by the Owner’s Purchasing By-law and procurement policies and procedures (if applicable), total bid prices.

- 13.2 The acceptance (“Acceptance”) of the Bid from the successful Bidder shall be made by the Owner only in writing. The Contract Administrator may, on behalf of the Owner, issue a written notice to the successful Bidder notifying them that Acceptance has occurred and their Bid has been accepted by the Owner.
- 13.3 The selected Bidder will be required to execute and return three (3) copies of the Contract within five (5) days of being presented by the Contract Administrator with the Contract for execution, while recognizing that upon Acceptance, the Contract will be formed and binding on the Owner and the Bidder. The Contract between the selected Bidder and the Owner shall be composed of the documents referred to in Section 3.2 of these Instructions to Bidders, as amended from time to time. Upon execution by Contractor and Owner copies will be distributed to all parties.

14 CLARIFICATION OF BIDS

- 14.1 The Owner reserves the right, at any time or times, following the Bid Closing Time, to request that any one or more Bidders clarify its Bid and such Bidders shall submit responses to such request within two (2) days following the date of the receipt of such request, or within such other time as the Owner may require. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Owner may request clarification where any one or more Bidder’s intent is unclear (including, without limitation, where there is an irregularity or omission in the information or documents provided by the Bidder in their Bid). The Owner may, in its sole and

absolute discretion, choose to meet with one, some or all of the Bidders to clarify aspects of their Bids. The Owner may require Bidders to submit supplementary documents clarifying any matters contained in their Bids or the Owner may prepare a written interpretation of any aspect of a Bid (including, without limitation, meeting minutes) and seek the respective Bidder's acknowledgement of that interpretation.

- 14.2 The supplementary documents submitted by the Bidders which have been accepted by the Owner and the written interpretations prepared by the Owner which have been acknowledged by the relevant Bidders shall be considered to form part of the applicable Bids of those Bidders.
- 14.3 After the Bid Closing Time, only the supplementary documents submitted by the Bidders based on specific requests by the Owner for purposes of clarification which have been accepted by the Owner and written interpretations prepared by the Owner which have been acknowledged by the relevant Bidder shall be considered as additions to the Bid of the applicable Bidder, subject to the right of the Owner to correct or recalculate contained in Section 15.2 or the exercise of any other right or remedy available to the Owner.
- 14.4 The Owner is not obliged to seek clarification of any aspect of a Bid or to have discussions or other communication regarding clarifications with any Bidder.

15 SELECTION PROCESS AND RESERVED RIGHTS

- 15.1 The Owner's consideration and selection process will be based on which Bidder has provided a Bid which the Owner determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be the most beneficial to, and in the best interests of, the Owner. While price is an important factor in the consideration and selection process, the Owner may, in its sole and absolute discretion, consider many other factors during this process including, without limitation, the following, which are not listed in any particular order of importance or priority:
 - .1 The contents of the Bid Form and Appendices "A" through "G";
 - .2 The Owner's Purchasing By-law and/or procurement policies and procedures, if any; and
 - .3 Any other factor which the Owner determines in its sole and absolute discretion to be in the Owner's best interests.
- 15.2 The following shall apply with respect to this request for Bids and the selection of a successful Bidder for the Contract:

- .1 The Owner reserves the right to, as the interests of the Owner may require, reject or retain for consideration and acceptance any or all Bids or part or parts thereof and waive informalities or irregularities without liability on the part of the Owner or the Contract Administrator;
 - .2 The lowest Bid Price or any Bid will not be necessarily accepted;
 - .3 The Owner may defer or cancel the project or this request for Bids for any reason (including, without limitation, the costs exceed the Owner's budget or approvals or permissions required from external agencies or authorities are not obtained or may not be obtained in accordance with the Owner's scheduling requirements);
 - .4 In the event that a Bid contains an arithmetical error or inconsistency, the Owner reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to correct or recalculate the error, and to accept the Bid with the adjusted price. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any unit prices submitted by the Bidder will be deemed to represent the Bidder's intention and any amount calculated by multiplying estimated quantities by unit prices will be corrected accordingly; and
 - .5 Bids that, without limitation, are improperly prepared, not in compliance with all of the requirements of the Bid Documents, incomplete, unsigned, improperly signed, conditional, qualified, illegible, obscure or contain reservations, additions not called for, arithmetical errors, omissions, erasures, alterations, or irregularities of any kind may, in the Owner's sole and absolute discretion, be considered informal or irregular and may be rejected or disqualified or be retained by the Owner for consideration and acceptance.
- 15.3 In addition to any other right or remedy the Owner may have in connection with the Bid Documents, if one or more of the Bid Prices is in excess of the Owner's budget, the Owner may, in its sole and absolute discretion:
- .1 Enter into negotiations or discussions with one or more of the Bidders (even if such Bidder's Bid Price is not in excess of the Owner's budget) in connection with the Bid Documents (including, without limitation, the scope of Work, the amount of the Bid Price, the schedule to complete the Work and the Contract provisions) or clarify any outstanding issues and attempt to finalize the terms of the Contract. The negotiations and discussions may take place contemporaneously or consecutively and the Owner will have no obligation to enter into negotiations or have discussions on similar or other terms or offer any modified terms to any Bidder. If the negotiations or discussions are successful, the Owner and the selected Bidder will enter into the finalized form of Contract; or

- .2 If at any time the Owner forms the opinion that a mutually acceptable Contract is not likely to be reached within a reasonable time, give the Bidder(s) written notice to terminate the negotiations and discussions, in which even the Owner may then open discussions with another Bidder(s), terminate the Request for Bids or otherwise act pursuant to its rights and remedies in connection with the Bid Documents.

Notwithstanding any negotiations or discussions between the Owner and the Bidders pursuant to this provision, the Bids shall remain irrevocable in accordance with the Bid Documents.

- 15.4 The Owner may exercise any one or more of its rights and remedies in relation to this request for Bids (including, without limitation, the rejection of Bids) without explanation to the Bidders.

16 BONDS

- 16.1 If the bonding alternative is selected, the successful Contractor will be required to provide a Performance and a Labour and Material Payment Bond, each in the amount indicated in Section 10.2 of this document, to the Owner with the executed Contract.

17 ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS

- 17.1 By submitting a Bid to the Owner, Bidders acknowledge that they have read and agree to be bound by the Bid Documents.
- 17.2 The Bidder shall have no claim against, or entitlement to damages against, the Owner, the Contract Administrator or its advisors in connection with this request for Bids or otherwise in connection with this process (including, without limitation, claims or damages arising from (i) rejection of its Bid, (ii) cancellation of the Project, (iii) a breach, fundamental or otherwise, of the obligations under this request for Bids, if any, or (iv) breach of a duty of care arising from this request for Bids, if any) for an amount in excess of the reasonable costs incurred by the Bidder in preparing its Bid, and, in any event, the Bidder, by submitting a Bid, waives any claim for loss of profits if no Contract is entered into with the Bidder for any reason or under any circumstance whatsoever.

18 OWNER'S MATERIALS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

- 18.1 All materials, specifications, drawings, information and documents obtained by, given to or made available to, the Bidder in connection with this request for Bids (including, without limitation, the Reference Documents and Bid Documents) (collectively, the "Owner's Materials") are not the property of the Bidders. The

- Owner's Materials shall not be used for any purpose other than replying to this request for Bids and the fulfillment of any subsequent Contract. The issue of the Owner's Materials does not confer a license or grant for any other purpose.
- 18.2 Upon request of the Owner, all of the Owner's Materials, in any form or media, shall be immediately returned to the Owner. The Owner and the Contract Administrator make no representation or warranty with respect to, and the Owner and the Contract Administrator accept no responsibility for, the accuracy or completeness of the Owner's Materials and the Bidder is responsible for obtaining its own independent legal and technical advice with respect to the Owner's Materials and making its own independent research and inquiries regarding all information contained in the Owner's Materials.
- 18.3 Bidders shall not discuss, disclose or communicate, directly or indirectly, any details pertaining to or in connection with their Bid to anyone not specifically involved in their Bid (including, without limitation, any other Bidder) without the prior written approval of the Owner. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Bid shall be submitted without any connection, knowledge, comparison of figures or arrangement with any other Bidder and each Bidder will be responsible to ensure that its participation in this process is conducted fairly and without collusion or fraud.
- 18.4 Each Bidder and each shareholder, partner or joint venture member of the Bidder will not have any interest whatsoever in the Bid of any other Bidder, either directly or indirectly, nor will it enter into any arrangement, agreement or understanding before the Bid Closing Time that would have such a result nor will it have any other conflict of interest.
- 18.5 Bidders must not disclose any details pertaining to their Bid and the selection process, or the outcome thereof, in whole or in part to anyone not specifically involved in their Bid, without the prior written approval of the Owner. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Bidders shall not issue a news release or other public announcement or otherwise disclose any information pertaining to any details of their Bid, or the outcome thereof, or the selection process, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the Owner.

19 GOVERNING LAW

- 19.1 The Bid Documents shall be governed by the laws of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

20 APPENDICES TO THE BID FORM

20.1 Appendix “A” to the Bid Form – List of Bid Documents

20.1.1 Appendix “A” to the Bid Form lists the Bid Documents.

20.2 Appendix “B” to Bid Form – Subcontractors

20.2.1 The Bidder shall complete Appendix “B” to the Bid Form indicating the subcontractors (“Subcontractors”) it intends to employ to carry out each portion of the Work indicated therein. Subcontractors are subject to approval by the Owner. Once the Contract is signed by the Owner, no substitution of the Subcontractors approved by the Owner will be permitted unless approved by the Owner.

20.3 Appendix “C” to the Bid Form – Schedule

20.3.1 The Work shall be carried out in accordance with the schedule contained in Document D for the Bid Price.

20.3.2 The Bidders have the option of providing on Appendix “C” to the Bid Form which is an alternative schedule for the Work and the applicable amount by which the Bid Price will be adjusted. The Owner may, in its sole and absolute discretion, accept such alternative schedule for the Work and, in such event, the Bidder’s obligation to carry out the Work in accordance with the schedule contained in Document D and the Bid Price shall be both amended accordingly.

20.4 Appendix “D” to the Bid Form – Residency

20.4.1 The Bidders shall indicate in Appendix “D” to the Bid Form their applicable residency.

20.5 Appendix “E” to the Bid Form – Proposed Alternatives to the Work (if any)

20.5.1 The Bidder’s Proposed Alternatives to the Work, if any, shall be attached as Appendix “E” to the Bid Form.

20.6 Appendix “F” to the Bid Form – List of Experience

20.6.1 The Bidders shall indicate in Appendix “F” to the Bid Form their list of experience on projects of a similar nature completed within the last five years.

20.7 Appendix “G” to the Bid Form – Schedule of Unit Prices

20.7.1 The Bidders shall complete Appendix “G” - Schedule of Unit Prices as per the requirements listed in the Appendix “G” - “General Notes”.

ATTACHMENT “A” FORM OF AGREEMENT TO BOND (EXAMPLE)

AGREEMENT TO BOND

TO: Township of Norwich (“OWNER”)

NAME OF BIDDER: _____

RE: Vermeersch Drain

We, the undersigned, hereby agree to become bound as surety for the above-named Bidder, in a Performance Bond and a Labour and Material Payment Bond, each in the amount of **100%** of the Bid Price and in a form conforming to the Bid Documents for the full and due performance of the Work shown and described therein, if the Bid attached hereto is accepted by the Owner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set out our corporate seal testified by the hands of our proper officers in that behalf.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Name of Surety	
Surety's Address	

Witness: _____ Signed by: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Title: _____

Signed by: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____



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Document B

Bid

BID FORM

TO: Township of Norwich
285767 Airport Road
Norwich, Ontario, N0J 1P0
Attention: Dirk Kramer, Drainage Superintendent

DATE: _____, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PROJECT NAME: Vermeersch Branch

CONTRACT NUMBER: 300060537.0000

- 1.1 The undersigned (the “Bidder”), hereby declares that it has received and carefully examined all of the Bid Documents as set out in Section 3.1 of the Instructions to Bidders and has visited the Place of the Work and familiarized itself with all of the conditions affecting the Work as described in the Bid Documents with respect to Work and with all of the provisions of the Bid Documents including, without limitation, the form of the Contract. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned also acknowledges having received and carefully examined all of the following Addenda and having included all aspects thereof in their bid:

Addendum No.	Date	Included in Bid (✓)

(Notes: If no Addenda are issued then this table shall be left blank. It is not necessary to submit copies of each Addendum with the Bid.)

- 1.2 In accordance with, and subject to, the Contract (including, without limitation, GC 8.01.02), the Bidder hereby offers to perform and complete the Work (including, without limitation, furnishing all products, materials, construction machinery, tools, equipment, plant, labour, and supervision necessary for the proper completion of the Work and the contract security, permits, insurance and transportation) to attain Substantial Performance of the Work in accordance with the schedule contained in Document D of the Bid Documents, for the price bid ("Bid Price") of: the total of the amounts calculated by multiplying the actual measured and approved quantities by the applicable unit prices combined with the completed lump sum price components of the Work, all as set out in Appendix "G", as adjusted pursuant to the Contract.

The Bid Price includes, without limitation, all applicable federal and provincial sales taxes, excise taxes and other taxes, including the HST, customs and duties.

In addition, the Bidder shall confirm that the Bid Price/Estimated Contract Price is set out in Appendix "G".

- 1.3 The Bidder agrees that time is of the essence and, if this Bid is accepted by the Owner and the Contract Administrator has issued an Order to Commence Work, the Bidder shall immediately commence the Work, including all mobilization and submission of submit initial shop drawings (if applicable).
- 1.4 The Bidder declares that it has visited and carefully examined the Place of the Work and the surrounding area in a reasonable and prudent manner and satisfied itself as to the scope and character of the Work and all conditions and information affecting the Work and how the Work is to be completed, including, without limitation, the nature and location of the Work, working areas, storage areas, local features including private property and utilities, access to and at the Place of the Work, weather conditions and any other factors which may influence the performance of the Work and/or the pricing of the Work.
- 1.5 The Bidder is responsible for each Subcontractor's solvency, the contents of each Subcontractor's bid and for each Subcontractor's obligations as contemplated pursuant to the Bid Documents.
- 1.6 The Bidder represents and warrants that each of the Subcontractors set out in Appendix "B" is reliable and competent to carry out the Work in accordance with the Bid Documents, that the Bidder has consulted with each of the listed Subcontractors and has ascertained to the Bidder's complete satisfaction that they are fully acquainted with the extent and nature of the work involved, and of the requirements of the construction schedule, and that all such Subcontractors shall execute the Work to conform to the requirements of the Bid Documents and the construction schedule. If awarded the Contract, the Bidder shall only employ the Subcontractors set out in Appendix "B", as approved by the Owner, for the Work.

- 1.7 This Bid shall remain firm and irrevocable and open for acceptance by the Owner at any time for sixty (60) days after the Bid Closing Time, whether or not, any other Bid has been previously accepted by the Owner. This Bid shall expire upon written notice of rejection to the Bidder by the Owner or sixty (60) days after the Bid Closing Time, whichever first occurs.
- 1.8 We enclose herewith the Security, on the understanding that, without prejudice to any other right or remedy which may be available to the Owner, the Security may be used to compensate the Owner for any damages, costs or expenses that the Owner may incur as a result of the Bidder's failure to comply with, or breach of, the Bid or Bid process described in these Instructions to Bidders (including, without limitation, in the event that the Bidder attempts to withdraw its Bid prior to the expiry of sixty (60) days from the Bid Closing Time, or in the event that the Owner accepts the Bidder's Bid and the Bidder refuses or fails to sign the Contract or otherwise honour the Bid).
- 1.9 It is understood that all prices quoted in this Bid are in Canadian funds.
- 1.10 If notified in writing by the Owner (or Owner's agent) of acceptance of this Bid within sixty (60) days of the Bid Closing Time, we will execute the Contract within five (5) days of being presented by the Contract Administrator with the Contract for execution, while recognizing that upon the Acceptance the Contract will be formed and binding on the Owner and the Bidder, and furnish the Contract Security as specified in Section 10 of the Instructions to Bidders.

Without prejudice to any other right or remedy which may be available to the Owner, in the event that we do not execute the Contract within five (5) days of being presented by the Contract Administrator with the Contract for execution, the Owner may, in its discretion, accept any other Bid, request new bids or carry out the Work in any other way the Owner deems best, and the Security may be used to compensate the Owner for any damages, costs or expenses that the Owner may incur as a result of taking such action.

- 1.11 The following documentation comprising the Bid is enclosed:
- .1 This Bid Form;
 - .2 The Security (as defined in Section 10 of the Instructions to Bidders);
 - .3 Appendix "A" – List of Bid Documents;
 - .4 Appendix "B" – Subcontractors;
 - .5 Appendix "C" – Schedule;
 - .6 Appendix "D" – Residency;
 - .7 Appendix "E" – Proposed Alternatives to the Work;

- .8 Appendix “F” – List of Experience; and
- .9 Appendix “G” – Schedule of Unit Prices.
- 1.12 If this Bid is made by more than one person then each of the persons making this Bid agrees to be bound by it jointly and severally.
- 1.13 All capitalized terms used but not defined herein will have the definitions given to them in Document A – Instructions to Bidders.
- 1.14 The Bidder represents, warrants and covenants to the Owner that:
 - .1 All instructions and directions in the Bid Documents for the preparation and submission of this Bid have been complied with;
 - .2 This Bid is made without any connection, knowledge, comparison of figures or arrangement with any other person, corporation or other entity making another Bid for the Work and is, in all respects, fair and without collusion or fraud;
 - .3 No member of the municipal council of the Owner (as applicable) and no officer or employee of the Owner is, or will become interested directly or indirectly as a contracting party, partner, shareholder, security or otherwise, in the performance of the Contract, or in the supply of materials or services, work or business to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof, or in any of the monies to be derived therefrom; and
 - .4 The Bidder agrees to be bound by the Bid Documents.
- 1.15 The Bidder declares and warrants that, in addition to all other Health & Safety requirements, it has considered and incorporated appropriate COVID-19 protocols and procedures into its Workplan, in keeping with current provincial best practices/guidelines for construction sites, and that submitted pricing properly reflects these measures. Upon Award, the successful bidder will be required to submit their COVID-19 plan to the Owner for record purposes.

SIGNED BY THE BIDDER AS OF THE DATE FIRST WRITTEN ABOVE.

FULL LEGAL COMPANY NAME

ADDRESS OF COMPANY

NAME/TITLE OF OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER
AND COMPANY SEAL

TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

APPENDIX “A”

LIST OF BID DOCUMENTS

The Bid Documents consist of:

- (a) Document A – Instructions to Bidders;
- (b) Document B – Bid (see Section 1.11 of Bid Form);
- (c) Document D – General Requirements;
- (d) the drawings and specifications listed in Document E (collectively, the “Specifications and Drawings”);
- (e) the Contract; and
- (f) all Addenda that were issued in writing by the Owner, or Contract Administrator, prior to the Bid Closing Time.

SUBCONTRACTORS

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APPENDIX “C”

SCHEDULE

- .1 In accordance with, and subject to, the Contract, the Bidder shall carry out the Work in accordance with the Completion Date contained in Document D, Subsection D.1.1 for the unit prices and lump sum prices set out in Appendix “G”.
- .2 The Bidder submits the following alternative schedule for the Work and the applicable amount by which the unit prices and lump sum prices set out in Appendix “G” will be adjusted, for the Owner’s consideration. If the Owner, in its sole and absolute discretion, accepts such alternative schedule for the Work, the Bidder’s obligation to carry out the Work in accordance with the schedule contained in Document D and the unit prices and lump sum prices set out in Appendix “G” shall be both amended accordingly.
 - (a) Alternative Schedule for the Work
 - (b) Adjustment in the unit prices and lump sum prices set out in Appendix “G” (inclusive of all amounts including, without limitation, HST)

(Note: If the Bidder is not submitting an alternative schedule for the Work, then paragraphs (a) and (b) may be left blank.)

APPENDIX “D”

RESIDENCY

The Bidder ___**is** or ___**is not** a resident of Canada within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada). Please check applicable description.

APPENDIX “E”

PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES TO THE WORK (IF ANY)

[See Section 7.3 of the Instructions to Bidders.]

LIST OF EXPERIENCE*

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APPENDIX “G”

SCHEDULE OF UNIT PRICES

General Notes

- i) Where alternative materials are listed, Bidders shall indicate a Unit Price for each alternative, but shall extend only the lowest Unit Price.
- ii)
- | | | |
|----------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| m ³ | denotes | Cubic Metre (compacted or in situ) |
| m | denotes | Linear Metre |
| LS | denotes | Lump Sum |
| ea | denotes | each |
| m ² | denotes | Square Metre |
| t | denotes | Tonne (2,204.6 lbs.) |
| ha | denotes | Hectare |
| hrs | denotes | Hours |
| CB | denotes | catchbasin |
| CDT | denotes | concrete drain tile |
| CSP | denotes | corrugated steel pipe |
| c/w | denotes | complete with |
| DICB | denotes | ditch Inlet catchbasin |
| JB | denotes | junction box |
| OB | denotes | observation box |
| ROW | denotes | right of way |
| S & I | denotes | supply and install |
| Sta. | denotes | Station (chainage) |
- iii) [All sections of the Schedule of Unit Prices must be completed **in full** and submitted as part of the Bid].

SCHEDULE OF UNIT PRICES

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Project No. 300060537

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Contractor: ***

Address: ***

Contract Title: Vermeersch Branch

Schedule A - Work on Private Property

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	CONTRACT TOTAL
A1	Mobilization and de-mobilization <i>(SP 0)</i>	1.0	LS		
A2 a)	Supply and install one 1,200 mm x 1,500 mm inline concrete CB.	1.0	LS		
A2 b)	Connect existing municipal drain to proposed CB complete with private tile connections.	1.0	LS		
A2 c)	Remove and dispose of existing CB off-site. <i>(SP 1) (Sta. 0+000)</i>	1.0	LS		
A3 a)	Supply approx. 246 m of 400 mm dia. 2000D CDT and required geotextile.	1.0	LS		
A3 b)	Install approx. 246 m of 400 mm dia. 2000D CDT via excavator on 19 mm stone bedding. <i>(SP 2) (Sta. 0+000 to Sta. 0+246)</i>	1.0	LS		
A4	Supply and install one 600 mm x 600 mm inline concrete CB. <i>(SP 1) (Sta. 0+246)</i>	1.0	LS		
				SUBTOTAL:	

SCHEDULE OF UNIT PRICES

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Contractor: ***

Address: ***

Contract Title: Vermeersch Branch

Schedule B - Contingencies

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	CONTRACT QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	CONTRACT TOTAL
B1	Tile connections and existing tile reconnections (as approved by the Engineer).				
B1 a)	150 mm dia. pipe – Connection	2.0	ea.		
B1 b)	150 mm dia. pipe – Reconnection	2.0	ea.		
	(SP3)				
B2	Install drain on 300 mm depth of 19 mm dia. crushed clear stone bedding (complete with supply of materials) in areas of instability, as directed by the Contract Administrator. Backfill to springline. This cost represents the additional unit price for installation by excavator and will be paid in addition to the cost of installation as per the typical installation technique on the accompanying drawings.	30.0	m		
	(SP4)				
				SUBTOTAL:	

SCHEDULE OF UNIT PRICES/SUMMARY

SCHEDULE

A – Work on Private Property	\$
B – Contingencies	\$
SUB-TOTAL	\$
Bid Price/Estimated Contract Price	
HST (@ 13%)	\$
TOTAL	\$
Bid Price/Estimated Contract Price	

All amounts in this Appendix “G” are in Canadian dollars.

The estimated quantities set out in this Appendix “G” are only approximate and the actual measured and approved quantities may vary from such estimated quantities.

The lump sum amounts and unit prices set out in this Appendix “G” shall apply to the Contract and are inclusive of all costs and expenses required to perform and complete the Work including, without limitation, all applicable federal and provincial sales taxes, excise taxes and other taxes, insurance, permits, customs, duties and transportation, except for the HST (referred to separately in this Appendix “G”).

PROPOSED START DATE: _____

PROPOSED COMPLETION DATE: _____



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Document C

General Conditions of Contract

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C.1 OPSS.MUNI 100 (NOV 2024) GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

Please note that the OPSS MUNI General Conditions of Contract dated November 2024 (OPSS.MUNI 100 November 2024) are deemed to form part of this document.

A copy can be obtained by contacting the Contract Administrator or by visiting the Ontario Provincial Standards website: [MTO Technical Publications](#).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

The *Construction Act (Ontario)* Amendments (Effective January 1, 2026) automatically apply to this Contract and take precedence over all other provisions in these Bid / Contract Documents to the extent of any inconsistency. A summary of these Act amendments is included in Document “G” – Articles of Agreement – Article I(g)

NOTE:

A 2.5% Warranty Holdback will be retained from all Contract Payments and released upon expiration of the Warranty Period and satisfactory rectification of deficiencies.

C.2 SUPPLEMENTAL GENERAL CONDITIONS

C.2.1 General Conditions

The words General Conditions in this Contract shall mean OPSS MUNI General Conditions of Contract November 2024 (OPSS.MUNI 100 November 2024). All requirements of these General Conditions shall apply except as amended herein.

If there is any conflict between the General Conditions of Contract and the Supplemental General Conditions, the Supplemental General Conditions shall take precedence.

C.2.2 Designation of Parties

Where the words "Department", "Minister", "Ministry", "Legislature", "Town", "Corporation" or any other words of similar intent are used in the General Conditions, they shall be understood as meaning "Owner".

Where the words "Engineer", "Authority" or "Contract Administrator" are used in this Contract they shall be understood as meaning R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited, or any other delegate designated by the Owner.

C.2.3 Amendments to General Conditions

C.2.3.1 Modify "Major Item" definition in GC 1.04 as follows:

Subsection a), replace "\$100,000" with "\$200,000".

Subsection b), replace "5%" with "10%".

C.2.3.2 Add "Substantial Performance" definition to GC 1.04 as follows:

1. The Work/Contract is substantially performed,

a) when the improvement to be made under the Contract or a substantial part thereof is ready for use or is being used for the purposes intended; and

b) when the improvement to be made under the Contract is capable of completion or, where there is a known defect, correction, at a cost of not more than,

i. 3 percent of the first \$1,000,000 of the Contract price;

ii. 2 percent of the next \$1,000,000 of the Contract price;

iii. 1 percent of the balance of the Contract price.

2. For the purposes of this Contract, where the improvement or a substantial part thereof is ready for use or is being used for the purposes intended and the Owner and the Contractor agree not to complete the improvement expeditiously, the price of the services or materials remaining to be supplied and required to complete the improvement shall be deducted from the Contract price in determining Substantial Performance.

C.2.3.3 Add “Completion” definition to GC 1.04 as follows:

The Work/Contract shall be deemed to be completed, and services or Materials shall be deemed to be last supplied to the improvement when the price of completion, correction of a known defect or last supply is not more than the lesser of,

- a) 1 percent of the Contract price; and
- b) \$5,000.

C.2.3.4 Amend GC 2.01.02 (a) as follows:

Add “Geotechnical or” immediately prior to “Subsurface Report”.

C.2.3.5 Replace GC 2.02.01 with:

- .01 In the event of any inconsistency or conflict in the contents of the following documents, such documents shall take precedence and govern in the following descending order from highest to lowest:
 - a) Articles of Agreement
 - b) Addenda
 - c) Contract Drawings (except included standard drawings such as OPSDs)
 - d) Bid
 - e) General Requirements
 - f) Special Provisions
 - g) Standard Specifications
 - h) Supplemental General Conditions
 - i) OPSS.MUNI 100 General Conditions of Contract (Nov. 2024)
 - j) Standard Drawings (e.g., OPSDs)
 - k) Working Drawings.

Later dates shall govern within each of the above categories of documents.

C.2.3.6 Amend GC 3.01.11 as follows:

The existing paragraph becomes .11 a) and the following is added:

- .11 b) The Contractor shall, at any time so required by the Contract Administrator, during construction or during the warranty period, make such openings to such extent through any part of the Work as the Contract Administrator may direct for inspection or testing purposes. Upon the completion of the inspections the Contractor shall forthwith make the work good again to the satisfaction of the Contract Administrator. Should the work so opened be found, in the opinion of the Contract Administrator, to be not in compliance with the Contract in any respect, the whole of the expense, including the cost of inspection, shall be borne by the Contractor; but if the work so opened up is found to be in compliance with the Contract, the said expense shall be borne by the Owner (unless the Contract Administrator was not properly notified prior to concealment of the work, in which case the cost will be borne solely by the Contractor).
- .11 c) Should the Contractor refuse to make such openings and reinstatements as ordered by the Contract Administrator, then the Contract Administrator may proceed with the work in any manner deemed appropriate in the Contract Administrator's opinion. The cost of such work shall be paid by the Contractor or deducted by the Owner from any monies due to the Contractor.

C.2.3.7 Replace GC 3.02.06 with:

- .06 Where applicable, work related to the Working Drawings shall not proceed until the Working Drawings have been initialled or signed, and dated, by the Contract Administrator and marked as "Reviewed" or "Reviewed as Noted".

C.2.3.8 Add the following to GC 3.07 Delays:

- .05 Extension(s) to Contract Time shall only be considered if, in the sole opinion of the Contract Administrator, the delay impacts the construction schedule's critical path.

C.2.3.9 Add the following to GC 3.0 Administration of the Contract:

GC 3.16 Site Meetings

.01 The Contractor's site superintendent shall attend regular construction progress meetings and special site meetings as required by the Contract Administrator. Minutes of these meetings, prepared and issued by the Contract Administrator, shall be deemed to be accurate records of these meetings in the absence of timely notice to the contrary.

C.2.3.10 Add the following to GC 4.01 Working Area:

.02 The Owner maintains a right of access to the Working Area for the purpose of performing the Owner's own work.

C.2.3.11 Amend GC 5.02.02 to include the following after "Contract":

Where the Contract Administrator requires documentary evidence substantiating that materials supplied by the Contractor comply with the terms of the Contract, such evidence must be provided by the Contractor in the form of a certified copy of a laboratory report from a recognized testing company or equivalent documentation acceptable to the Contract Administrator. The Contractor shall pay for the entire cost of such testing including sampling and shipping of samples, at no additional cost to the Owner.

C.2.3.12 Add the following to GC 7.01.07.01 Schedule:

The Contractor's schedule is subject to review and acceptance by the Owner and the Contract Administrator. The Contractor shall complete the Work in accordance with the accepted schedule and ultimately by the scheduled date for substantial performance as required by the Contract.

C.2.3.13 Add the following to GC 7.01.08.01:

Furthermore, the Contractor is required to carry out a review of the Contract Documents for errors and inconsistencies, applying a standard of care expected of an experienced and prudent contractor, and report the findings of said review to the Contract Administrator.

C.2.3.14 Add the following to GC 7.06.01:

In order to mitigate traffic hazards, materials and/or equipment shall not be stored within 3 m of the travelled portion of any roadway unless proper protection measures are in place. Excavations within 3 m of the travelled roadway shall be either backfilled or protected by proper measures after hours and on non-working days.

C.2.3.15 Add the following to GC 7.06 Maintaining Roads and Detours:

- .12 Prior to moving off site before each weekend, Statutory Holiday, or any non-working day(s), the Contractor shall ensure that all required traffic and pedestrian control measures are in place. Roadways/sidewalks accessible to the public shall be graded to a smooth surface with dust control (water/calcium chloride) applied where/when necessary. The Contractor shall appoint a designated representative to regularly check the above measures during the Contractor's absence from the site and to remedy any issues which may arise in a timely manner. No additional payment will be made for this work.

C.2.3.16 Amend GC 7.10.04 as follows:

Change "7 Days" to "15 Days".

C.2.3.17 Replace GC 7.14.01 Limitation of Operations with the following:

- .01 The Contractor shall not carry out operations under the Contract on Saturdays, Sundays, Statutory Holidays, or at night without permission, in writing, from the Contract Administrator, with the exception of urgent Work required to maintain the Working Area in a safe and satisfactory condition. In all cases and at all times, the Contractor is required to monitor and maintain the Working Area in a safe and satisfactory manner and to respond to issues in a timely manner, whether or not direction from the Contract Administrator is given in this regard.

C.2.3.19 Add the following to GC 7.16 Warranty:

- .04 If the Contract Administrator notifies the Contractor in writing of defects or deficiencies prior to expiration of the Warranty Period, the Contractor shall remedy such defects or deficiencies, notwithstanding that the rectification work may commence after or extend beyond the end of the Warranty Period.

C.2.3.20 Add the following to GC 7.0 Contractor's Responsibilities and Control of the Work:

GC 7.19 Standard of Care

- .01 In performing this Contract the Contractor shall exercise a standard of care, skill, judgement and diligence that would normally be exercised by an experienced, skilled and prudent contractor supplying similar services for similar projects. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, throughout this

Contract, the Contractor's obligations, duties and responsibilities shall be interpreted in accordance with this standard. The Contractor shall exercise the same standard of care, skill, judgement and diligence in respect of any products, subcontractors, suppliers, personnel or procedures which it may recommend to the Owner or employ on the Project.

.02 The Contractor represents, covenants and warrants to the Owner that:

- a) The personnel it assigns to the Project are appropriately experienced;
- b) It has sufficient staff of qualified and competent personnel to replace its designated supervisor and project manager, subject to the Owner's approval, in the event of death, incapacity, removal or resignation; and
- c) There are no pending, threatened or anticipated claims that would have a material effect on the financial ability of the Contractor to perform the Work under the Contract.

.03 The Contractor shall perform the Work so as to avoid disturbing the occupants of the place of the Work and any adjacent structures or the public in general and shall respect and comply with local regulations and requirements regarding permitted work hours, noise levels and work conditions. The Contractor, without in any way limiting its responsibilities under this Contract, shall take all reasonable steps to avoid interference with fire exits, site access and egress, continuity of electric power and all other utilities, to suppress dust and noise, to avoid conditions likely to propagate mould or fungus of any kind and shall take all other steps reasonably necessary to promote and maintain the safety and comfort of the occupants of the place of the Work and any adjacent structures and the public in general, and/or to maintain access to and the operation of the same. Without the Owner's prior approval, the Contractor shall not permit any worker or subcontractors to use any existing facilities including, without limitation, elevators, washrooms, entrances and parking areas other than those designed by the Owner.

C.2.3.21 Replace GC 8.02.04.01.02, Proper Invoice inclusions/requirements, with:

0.2 A Proper Invoice shall include:

- a) The Contractor's name and address.
- b) The date of the Proper Invoice and the period during which the services or materials were supplied.

- c) Information identifying the authority, whether in the Contract or otherwise, under which the services or materials were supplied.
- d) A description, including quantity where appropriate, of the services or materials that were supplied.
- e) The amount payable for the services or materials that were supplied and the payment terms.
- f) The name, title, telephone number and mailing address of the person to whom payment is to be sent.
- g) A current Clearance Certificate from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).
- h) A Statutory Declaration and proof that any disputes with sub-contractors/suppliers have been resolved or are in adjudication.
- i) A “Unit Payment Schedule”, the format for which may be provided by the Contract Administrator, which will include:
 - The Item List, Item No., and Contract Quantity for each item precisely as it appears in the “Schedule of Unit Prices”;
 - The Unit of Payment and the Unit Price;
 - The Contract Total for each item as it appears in the “Schedule of Unit Prices”;
 - A summary of “Payable Quantities” in the following format:
 - i. Previous Quantity Paid;
 - ii. Payable Quantity Requested this Invoice;
 - iii. Total Quantity Payable to Date.
 - Total Payment to Date for each Item;
 - Unit Payment Schedule Summary Page showing:
 - i. Total Work to Date;
 - ii. Total Holdbacks to Date;
 - iii. Total Payable to Date;
 - iv. Previous Payments;
 - v. Subtotal of Requested Payment (per Invoice);
 - vi. HST for Requested Payment (per Invoice);
 - vii. Total Requested Payment including HST (per Invoice).
 - Proof of payable material quantities (e.g., weigh scale/truck tickets).
 - All payable Change Orders/Extra Work/Additional Work ratified by the Owner including supporting documentation such as detailed breakdown of labour, equipment, materials and entitlements;
 - Any advanced payment for material on-site, including invoices/proof of payment;

- The amount of liens, Owner's set-off and deductions for deficient work, Statutory Holdback (10%) and **Warranty Holdback (2.5%)**.

Proper Invoice submissions not meeting the above minimum requirements shall be deemed improper and shall therefore not trigger the requirement for payment within 28 days until such time as all Proper Invoice submission requirements have been met; only then will the invoice submission package be deemed a Proper Invoice requiring payment to be made within 28 days, unless a notice of non-payment is subsequently issued in accordance with the Construction Act.

C.2.3.22 Add the following to GC 8.02.04.05.01 b):

...and the value of any deficiencies, all as estimated solely by the Contract Administrator. The Owner is entitled to retain a special holdback, representing approximately 200% of the estimated value of deficiencies and outstanding or incomplete work (which is not outstanding or incomplete for reasons beyond control of the Contractor). This 200% holdback can be tracked either as a single aggregate special holdback, or through unpaid or partially paid line items in the Schedule of Unit Prices, or some combination of the two as determined by the Contract Administrator. Furthermore, the full 200% aggregate special holdback will be released in two stages, as follows:

1. First release upon completion of at least half of the outstanding/incomplete Work and deficiencies.
2. Second and Final Release upon completion of all outstanding/incomplete Work and deficiencies.

The Contract Administrator may choose to exercise discretion with respect to any potential variance from the process and stages outlined above.

C.2.3.23 Add the following to GC 8.02.04.05.03:

- c) a release by the Contractor in a form satisfactory to the Contract Administrator releasing the Owner from all further claims relating to the Contract, qualified by stated exceptions such as outstanding work or matters arising out of subsection GC 3.13, Claims, Negotiations, Mediation;

- d) a statutory declaration in a form satisfactory to the Contract Administrator that all liabilities incurred by the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors in carrying out the Contract have been discharged except for statutory holdbacks properly retained

C.2.3.24 Add the following to GC 8.02.05.08 Payment for Work by Subcontractors:

- .03 Where the Contractor arranges for additional work to be performed by a Subcontractor based upon a pre-approved lump sum price, the Owner will pay the Contractor the Subcontractor's lump sum price plus a mark-up calculated on the following basis:
 - a) ten percent (10%) of the first \$5,000; plus
 - b) five percent (5%) of the amount in excess of \$5,000.

C.2.3.25 Replace GC 8.02.09.01 Liquidated Damages with the following:

- .01 It is agreed by the parties to the Contract that if all the Work called for under the Contract is not substantially performed within the number of working days or calendar date set forth elsewhere in the Contract, as extended in accordance with GC 3.07 or elsewhere in the Contract, the Owner will sustain a loss or damage. The parties hereto agree that the Contractor will pay to the Owner the sum of [**One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)** + HST] as liquidated damages for each and every calendar day's delay in finishing the work in excess of the number of working days or calendar date prescribed. Liquidated damages are not to be construed as a penalty but as a reasonable genuine pre-estimate of the damages expected to be incurred by the Owner as a result of late completion.

C.2.3.26 Add the following to GC 8.02 Payment:

GC 8.02.10 Deemed Acceptance

- .01 No payment by the Owner under the Contract or use or review of the Work by the Owner shall be deemed acceptance of work which is not in accordance with the Contract.

C.2.3.27 Add the following to GC 8.02 Payment:

GC 8.02.11 Liens

- .01 If any liens arising from the performance of the Work are registered against the Working Area or Project, the Contractor shall vacate or discharge such liens within thirty (30) days.



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Document D

General Requirements

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D.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

D.1.1 Contract Time

The Work under this Contract shall be substantially performed by December 18, 2026. This completion date is contingent upon Acceptance occurring within three (3) weeks of the Bid Closing Time. The completion date will be adjusted accordingly should Acceptance occur beyond the three (3) week period following the Bid Closing Time. Weather conditions will not constitute a basis for extension of the completion date unless, in the sole opinion of the Contract Administrator, conditions have varied substantially from what is reasonably considered normal for the season(s) (i.e., in the event of abnormal inclement weather).

D.1.2 Insurance Requirements

The successful Bidder is required to provide certificates/proof of insurance for all mandatory coverage required by the General Conditions of Contract.

In addition, in accordance with GC 6.03.01 General, the Contractor shall provide all risks property insurance as per GC 6.03.05.01.

The insurance policies shall name the following parties as additionally insured:

- Township of Norwich
- R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited

and shall insure the Contractor and the above named in the same manner and to the same extent as if a separate policy had been issued to each.

In addition to the above requirements, if blasting operations are used in the Contract, the Contractor shall take out and keep in force an insurance policy providing coverage for blasting operations to the same limits as set out in the General Conditions.

Contractors are hereby specifically notified that any loss or damage to the Work caused by the action of the elements including rain storms, wind storms, floods, etc., shall be sustained and borne by the Contractor at their own expense. Any material and additional work required to make good any loss or damage to work previously completed shall be borne at the cost of the Contractor and no claims for extra payment will be considered.

D.1.3 OPSS & OPSD

Relevant Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) and Ontario Provincial Standard Drawings (OPSD) in effect at the Official Closing Time,

which are related to, or integral to the Work, apply to this Contract unless otherwise noted. OPSS "Municipal Oriented Specifications" will apply unless this project has been specifically designated as an MTO type "Provincial Oriented" project.

D.1.4 Schedule of Work

Upon being awarded the Contract, the Contractor shall forthwith supply to the Contract Administrator for approval a copy of a detailed planned Schedule of Work, showing clearly that the Work will be completed within the stipulated time.

D.1.5 Contract Administrator's Field Office

A separate field office for the Contract Administrator **will not** be required for this Contract.

D.1.6 Winter Work

No additional payment will be considered for the protection of the Work as required by the relevant OPSS for cold weather or winter conditions. The Contractor is encouraged to schedule their work to avoid placing concrete, asphalt or other temperature sensitive materials in cold weather and to avoid freezing of granular material during the operations employing these materials. Where the Contractor's schedule shows work involving temperature sensitive materials during a time frame where cold weather conditions may potentially or can be reasonably expected to occur, the price in the Schedule of Unit Prices shall be deemed to include the necessary cold weather provisions and no additional costs will be considered.

D.1.7 Provision for Traffic

All references in the Contract to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), including all Parts and Divisions thereof, or MTO Traffic Control Manual for Roadway Work Operations, or Traffic Control Manual for Roadway Operations Field Editions are hereby deleted and replaced by the following books of the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM):

- Book 5 – Regulatory Signs
- Book 6 – Warning Signs
- Book 7 – Temporary Conditions (& Temporary Conditions Field Edition)
- Book 11 – Pavement, Hazard and Delineation Markings
- Book 12 – Traffic Signals

Any reference in the Contract to OTM shall be deemed to be the Ontario Traffic Manual (Books 5, 6, 7, 11 and 12).

The Contractor shall comply with the applicable requirements of the above Ontario Traffic Control Manual book(s).

The Contractor shall be responsible for providing signing and traffic control in accordance with the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) and the OTM Book 7 Temporary Conditions - Field Edition.

Access shall be maintained at all times to any entrances within the limits of the Contract.

The Contractor is responsible for notifying any affected emergency agencies, transportation agencies, businesses, residents, etc., regarding access/traffic disruptions.

The Contractor shall provide a watchman or other suitable employee to inspect and maintain the signs, barricades and pedestrian ramps on a daily basis as well as weekends and other times when the Contractor is not working.

The Contractor shall provide an adequate number of traffic control persons to direct traffic at any time during construction as required by the Contract Administrator.

If there is no separate payment item for this work, then the costs are deemed to be included in the Bid Price.

D.1.8 Dust and Mud Control

The Contractor will be responsible for dust control as deemed necessary by the Owner during construction by watering and calcium application as directed by the Contract Administrator. Clean-up of mud tracking off site shall similarly be the Contractor's responsibility.

D.1.9 Disposal of Materials

The Contractor shall dispose of all waste and/or surplus materials in a disposal area selected by the Contractor in accordance with OPSS 180. The site shall be located off the Municipal right-of-way. The Contractor shall be responsible for all work involved in disposing the waste or excess material including trucking, access roads, levelling, and all haulage and/or dumping fees applicable.

The Contractor shall identify the disposal area and provide a release from the disposal area owner upon completion of the work.

Where any materials are designated to be salvaged, the Contractor can consult the appropriate special provisions for direction.

D.1.10 Environmental Requirements

It is intended that the Work proposed be executed in such a manner which, to the fullest possible extent, minimizes any adverse effect on the cultural and natural environment of the project area. The environmental conditions of the Contract stated herein must be complied with in all respects. It is a responsibility of the Contractor that all personnel be sufficiently instructed so that the Work is carried out in a manner consistent with minimizing environmental impact. The Contractor is expected to undertake the Work in such a manner that allows for the local area to be restored. It will also be required that the Contractor employ all reasonable precautions to minimize the impact of construction on the upstream and downstream environments. Restoration shall not be undertaken as a final project task but shall be initiated as soon as excavation or backfilling/compaction activities have been completed.

Permits and Authorization

The requirements set out in any permits issued for the project shall form part of this Contract and shall be strictly adhered to.

Any deviation from the prescribed requirements and/or methods contained in or implied by the permits as issued and this Contract may result in a work stoppage until such time as the Contractor produces suitably approved or revised permits acknowledging the proposed deviation. All costs associated with revised work permits will be solely the responsibility of the Contractor.

Refueling Areas

The Contractor shall undertake a detailed review of the proposed route of construction to plan access routes and fuelling areas. Refuelling and maintenance of equipment shall not be undertaken in or adjacent to a watercourse. Suitable fuelling and maintenance areas shall be established away from the waterway and all maintenance and fuelling conducted in these areas. The locations of such areas are subject to review by the Contract Administrator. Procedures for the interception and rapid cleanup and disposal of spillages that do occur shall be submitted to the Contract Administrator for review prior to starting work. All materials required for cleanup of fuel spillages shall be maintained readily accessible on site.

The exception of these fuelling locations requirements shall be generators, cranes, backhoes or shovels which may be fuelled at other than the designated fuelling areas. However, no fuelling of backhoes shall be carried out within 30 m of any watercourse.

Any spills apt to cause impairment to the natural environment must be immediately reported by the Contractor to the Contract Administrator and to the local Ministry of the Environment District Office.

Sediment Basins & Settling Ponds

The Contractor shall take all precautions so as not to affect the quality of water as it passes through the area and to prevent eroded material from construction operations from entering streams, watercourses or private property. Appropriate sediment retention measures shall be incorporated in the Work to ensure that sediment discharge to watercourses adjacent to the working area is minimized.

The Contractor shall provide rock check dams and straw bale flow checks and any other sediment or erosion control devices either indicated on the Contract Drawings, detailed in the Special Provisions, as specified by the Permit Issuing Authorities, or as directed by the Contract Administrator.

Sediment traps or similar sediment protection shall be constructed for receiving the discharge from dewatering operations. Temporary sediment traps shall be constructed in advance of any work where eroded materials could enter the watercourse. The overflow rate from settling or sedimentation ponds shall be such that the solids carryover is minimal. The Contractor shall incorporate filter berms or sandbags, as required, to retard and filter run-off prior to discharge to the watercourse.

In general, concentrated run-off from un-stabilized areas shall be intercepted and diverted to stabilized areas under sheet flow conditions. Any water pumped for the purposes of trench or structure excavation or dewatering shall be directed to a settling basin or other device to reduce suspended solids content prior to discharge to a storm sewer, drainage ditch or natural watercourse.

The Contractor shall clean and maintain the sediment traps as required. The traps shall be cleaned when approximately fifty percent (50%) filled with sediment and as directed by the Contract Administrator. The sediment traps shall be maintained until embankment slopes and ditches in the area are reinstated. The traps shall then be removed and the area restored to its original grade or as shown on the Contract Drawings.

The Contractor shall not permit any excavated materials or other material to be deposited in any watercourses except as indicated in the Contract Documents such as rip rap, river stone or clear stone.

The following is a partial list of precautionary measures the Contractor may elect to employ in order to execute the Work within the requirements noted above. NOTE: This listing shall not be taken to represent the full range of precautionary measures available to the Contractor.

1. The use of heavy construction machinery on the streambed and banks shall be avoided unless specifically approved.
2. Where the stream is relocated or diverted temporarily, such relocation or diversion should be done through dry construction. The channel of the new stream (including all slope protection) must be completed before the old stream is diverted into the new channel.
3. The disturbance of low vegetation cover should be avoided as much as possible; the disturbance of soil cover should be minimized and disturbed areas should be vegetated or otherwise protected from erosion as soon as possible.
4. Fill material and excavated materials should be located away from the watercourse and protected from erosion.
5. Any constriction of flow should be compatible with streambed material to prevent erosion or other damage caused by an increased velocity in flow. Stream flow must be maintained throughout the construction period so as not to interfere with fish migration and spawning or other downstream users.
6. Where water quality impairment is unavoidable, measures to protect downstream users must be taken.
7. Upon completion of the project, any temporary fill, culverts, refuse, etc. must be removed from the construction area and deposited in an approved disposal area away from the site.
8. The inlet and the outlet of any culverts should be protected against erosion.
9. All exposed areas should be redeemed or re-vegetated immediately after construction is completed.

Measurement for Payment

No direct measurement of quantities will be made for this work unless specifically noted in the Schedule of Unit Prices. The work will be administered as being part of the related environmental protection items or as part of the overall site work.

NOTE:

Fish Habitat Definition According To The Fisheries Act Of Canada

Fish habitat means "spawning ground and nursery, rearing, food supply and migration areas on which fish depend directly or indirectly in order to carry out their life processes".

Dam Definition According To The Lakes And Rivers Improvement Act

Dam is "a dam or any work which forwards, holds back or diverts water".

D.1.11 Existing Conditions

The Contractor shall clean up and restore all disturbed areas to condition equal to or better than existing conditions using materials equal to or better than existing materials. This includes the removal and disposal of all layout materials, string lines, batter boards and other such materials.

The Contractor shall maintain flow in all existing sewers, drains, ditches, watercourses, house and inlet connections, as applicable.

Sanitary sewers shall not be used for the discharge of water from excavations or dewatering operations.

D.1.12 Damage by Vehicles and Other Equipment

If at any time, in the opinion of the Contract Administrator, damage is being or is likely to be done to any highway or any improvement thereon, other than such portions as are part of the Work, by the Contractor's vehicles or other equipment, whether licensed or unlicensed, the Contractor shall, on the direction of the Contract Administrator and at the Contractor's own expense make changes in or substitutions for such vehicles or other equipment or shall alter loading or shall in some manner remove the cause of such damage to the satisfaction of the Contract Administrator.

D.1.13 Measurement and Payment

Unless otherwise noted in the Schedule of Unit Prices, no measurement of quantities will be made for the General Work and no direct payment will be made for any of the General Work. The cost of such work shall be deemed to be reasonably distributed within the overall cost of the Work.

Payment for payable items shall be based upon the lump sum or unit price bid, as listed in the Schedule of Unit Prices, using actual "as-constructed" quantities (or plan quantities) as determined by the Contract Administrator. In the event of conflict between the Schedule of Unit Prices and OPSS, the basis of payment indicated in the Schedule shall take precedence

(as modified by “pay lines” or payment clauses indicated elsewhere in these documents, if applicable).

D.1.14 Dewatering

The Contractor shall dewater excavations/trenches, and maintain the groundwater level at least 0.5 m below the excavation bases, thereby facilitating proper completion of the Work in reasonably dry, stable conditions.

D.1.15 Compaction

Unless otherwise noted, all granular materials shall be compacted to 100 percent (100%) SPMDD and all subsoil to 95 percent (95%) SPMDD.

D.1.16 Utilities

The Contractor's attention is drawn to the possible presence of underground utilities. The locations of such, if indicated on the drawings represent to the best of the Owner and Contract Administrator's knowledge, the approximate location of such utilities. The Contractor shall be responsible for all utility stakeouts as per GC7.01.16 as well as any inspection or test pits required and the inspection of any manholes, catchbasins, sewers or vaults necessary to locate any utility. The Contractor shall be wholly responsible for the accuracy of the information gathered by their own forces.

The work site may also be located directly adjacent to high voltage power transmission and telephone lines. The Contractor shall be aware of such lines at all times and shall utilize equipment and methodologies in the undertaking of the Work that do not constitute a hazard or safety violation under the Occupational Health and Safety Act.



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Document E

Specifications and Drawings

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E1. Appendix E – Standard Drain Specifications

1.0 General Drain Specifications

1.1 Scope of Specifications

This specification covers the general conditions governing the construction of a Municipal Drain under the most recent revision of the Drainage Act and amendments. All work shall be done in accordance with current and applicable Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications and Drawings (OPSS and OPSD).

1.2 Benchmarks

Benchmarks shall be set at intervals along the course of the work at locations shown on the accompanying plan and/or profile. The Contractor or landowner shall be held liable for the cost of re-establishing benchmarks destroyed. Attention is drawn to Section 13 of the Drainage Act.

1.3 Stakes/Flags/Markers

Stakes, flags or markers are typically set at intervals throughout the course of the work, at all fences and property lines. The Contractor or landowner shall be held liable for the cost of replacing any stakes removed or destroyed.

1.4 Profile

The Drain is to be excavated or installed to regular gradient lines as shown on the profile(s). These gradients show the bottom of the finished drain (open or closed) and are governed entirely by the benchmarks. In the case of closed drains, the gradient is that of the invert of the tile. The profile(s) shows the approximate depth from the surface of the ground to the invert of the tile or drain bottom at the point where the stations are set and from the average bottom of the open drain as taken at the time of survey. Open drains shall be brought to an even gradient in the bottom to prevent standing water. For closed drains, a variation of 25 millimetres (unless specified otherwise) from the gradient may be deemed sufficient reason for the work to be rejected and required to be rebuilt.

1.5 Clearing

Clearing means the cutting of all standing trees, brush, bushes and other vegetation to a maximum height of 300 millimetres above original ground level as well as the removal of felled materials and windfalls. Trees measuring 150 millimetres or more in diameter shall be felled, delimbed, cut into lengths no longer than four metres and stacked to the designated side of the working space. The work shall not damage or disturb the area outside the areas specified in the Contract Documents.

The work shall consist of clearing all areas of earth excavation, earth surfaces to be covered by embankments up to and including 1.2 metres in height, and any other areas specified in the Contract Documents.

No trees, brush or bushes are to be left inside the slopes of the Drain, whether they are located within the limits of the excavation or not. Brush cleared in accordance with the above shall be piled in a location and in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer for burning by the Owner. Unless otherwise specified or directed, these piles shall be a minimum of 100 metres apart and shall contain only cleared material. All work shall be done in accordance with OPSS 201.

1.6 Close Cut Clearing

Close Cut Clearing means the cutting of all standing trees, stumps, brush, bushes and other vegetation at original ground level and the removal of felled materials and windfalls. Grubbing means the removal of all stumps, roots, embedded logs, debris and secondary growth. Trees measuring 150 millimetres or more in diameter shall be felled, delimbed, cut into lengths no longer than four metres and stacked to the designated side of the working space. The work shall not damage or disturb the area outside the areas specified in the Contract Documents.

The work shall consist of close cut clearing all earth surfaces to be covered by embankments greater than 1.2 metres in height, and any other areas specified in the Contract Documents.

No trees, stumps, brush or bushes are to be left inside the slopes of the Drain whether they are located within the limits of the excavation or not. Brush cleared in accordance with the above shall be piled in a location and in a manner satisfactory to the Engineer for burning by the Owner. Unless otherwise specified or directed, these piles shall be a minimum of 100 metres apart and shall contain only cleared material. All work shall be done in accordance with OPSS 201.

1.7 Brushing

Brushing means the grinding or chipping to ground level of vegetation in the working space under 150 millimetres in diameter by means of a hydraulic brushing attachment used with an excavator or approved equivalent. This includes grinding or chipping all standing trees, stumps, brush, bushes and other vegetation to original ground level.

Trees measuring 150 millimetres or more in diameter shall be felled, delimbed, cut into lengths no longer than four metres and stacked to the designated side of the working space. The work shall not damage or disturb the area outside the areas specified in the Contract Documents. All work shall be done in accordance with OPSS 201.

1.8 Grubbing

Grubbing means the removal of all stumps, roots, embedded logs, debris and secondary growth.

The work shall consist of grubbing all areas of earth excavation, earth surfaces to be covered by embankments up to and including 1.2 metres in height and any other areas specified in the Contract Documents.

Grubbing is not required in swamps. Mechanical stump cutters are permitted, provided the entire root structure is removed. Depressions remaining after grubbing shall be backfilled with suitable earth material and compacted to avoid settlement. When clearing has been previously completed by others, all secondary growth, brush and debris shall be removed.

Piled boulders and surface boulders that are not specified in the Contract Documents for removal and lie within areas to be grubbed shall be removed. The work shall not damage or disturb the area outside the areas specified in the Contract Documents. All work shall be done in accordance with OPSS 201.

1.9 Removal of Surface Boulders and Removal of Piled Boulders

Piled Boulders means any cobbles, boulders or rock fragments that have been placed in fence rows or piles.

Rock means rock as defined in OPSS 206.

Surface Boulder means any boulder or rock fragment that measures 200 millimetres or greater in any one dimension, extends a minimum of 200 millimetres above original ground and can be removed without excavation.

The work shall consist of the removal of surface boulders and removal of piled boulders within the areas specified in the Contract Documents. Depressions remaining after removal shall be backfilled with suitable earth material and compacted to avoid settlement. The work shall not damage or disturb the area outside the areas specified in the Contract Documents. All work shall be done in accordance with OPSS 201.

1.10 Fences

The Contractor will be permitted to remove fences to the extent necessary to allow the construction of the Drain and to dispose of any excess material according to the specifications. Any such fences shall be carefully handled to cause no unnecessary damage. Unless allowance has been provided, such fences shall be replaced by the Contractor in as good a condition as found. The Contractor shall supply all material necessary to properly reconstruct any fences. The Contractor shall not leave any fence open when he is not at work in the immediate area and shall replace the fence in a timely manner, all to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

1.11 Standing Crops and Livestock

Should a property owner wish to harvest any crop along an access route or within the construction working space as set out in the Engineer's Report, then it shall be the responsibility of the property owner to do so prior to construction. Provisions for the loss of, or damage to, crops along the access route or in the construction area ("Working Space") have been made in the Report and such loss or damage shall not be the liability of the Contractor.

The Contractor shall contain construction operations to the working space and width specified. If the construction operations are contained within the specified working space, the Contractor shall not be responsible for damages to crops along the course of the Drain.

It shall be the responsibility of the property owners to keep their livestock clear of the construction area upon receiving 24 hours advance notice by the Contractor. After receiving proper notice, the Owner of the property upon which a drain is being constructed shall be liable for any loss or damage to livestock, the Drain, drain materials or the Contractor's equipment caused by their livestock.

1.12 Notification of Agencies

The Contractor shall notify the appropriate agency before performing any work affecting the land or property of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), railway, telephone, pipeline or public utility or regulatory agency. The Contractor shall further agree to perform the work affecting such lands or property in accordance with the specifications and approval/permit of the applicable agency.

1.13 Final Inspections

After substantial completion of the work, but prior to demobilization and final removal of all equipment and materials from the site, the Contractor **must** arrange an on-site **Final Inspection** of the work with the Engineer to ensure all aspects of the work have been satisfactorily completed and/or that arrangements have been made to expedite the completion of any outstanding "minor" items or deficiencies. All the work included in the contract, at the time of the Final Inspection, must have the full dimensions and cross-sections called for in the plans and specifications. Notification to the Engineer of this Final Inspection shall be provided at least five days prior and it shall be completed as soon as possible or as soon thereafter as weather conditions permit.

2.0 Specifications for Closed Drains

2.1 Materials

Tile, tubing and pipe materials supplied by the Contractor shall be approved by the Engineer prior to being incorporated in the work. The Contractor shall be responsible for the unloading and placement of all materials required for the Municipal Drain construction. Such unloading and placement shall be undertaken in a manner acceptable to the Engineer using only the specified and approved access routes and working space.

Concrete Drain Tile (CDT) - All CDT installed under these specifications shall have a circular cross section with a minimum 2000D, meeting the latest revision of CSA A257.1-14 and ASTM C412. The manufacturer shall provide the Engineer with a copy of all available test results for the materials being shipped to the project site. The Engineer shall have the right to order any additional tests he deems necessary to be performed on the tile taken from inventory prior to shipment from the manufacturer's plant. The cost of such additional tests shall be borne by the Contractor.

Plastic Drainage Tubing (PDT) - All PDT installed under these specifications shall be manufactured in accordance with the latest revision of the Drainage Guide for Ontario, as published by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Pipe - All corrugated or dual wall smooth walled HDPE pipe (Armtec BOSS 2000® or equivalent) installed under these specifications as culverts or as part of a new closed drain shall be manufactured in accordance with the latest revision of OPSS 1840 and shall have a pipe stiffness of 320 kPa.

- All perforated dual-wall smoothwalled HDPE pipe joining systems shall be soil-tight split coupler unless specified otherwise, conforming to CSA B182.8. As specified, perforated pipe shall include a knitted sock or non-woven geotextile covering (Terrafix® 200R or equivalent).
- All solid dual-wall smoothwalled HDPE pipe shall be soil-tight split coupler, unless specified otherwise, conforming to CSA B182.8.
- All watertight solid dual-wall HDPE pipe joining systems shall be water-tight bell and spigot, complete with gasketed connections unless specified otherwise, conforming to CSA B182.6.

Non-Woven Geotextile - All geotextile under these specifications shall conform to OPSS 1860. All geotextile used for tile wrapping under these specifications shall be non-woven Terrafix® 200R (or equivalent). All geotextile used under these specifications for heavy duty applications such as under rip-rap surrounding catchbasins, and at tile outlets into drains shall be non-woven Terrafix® 270R (or equivalent).

2.2 Drain Gradient and Verification

The proposed gradient shall be established using laser grade control equipment, cross-head boning rods together with horizontal sight-bars at stations above and below the point where the tile is being laid or other method acceptable to the Engineer.

If the Engineer has not checked the tile, inspection points shall be left at intervals of not greater than 50 m for sections with gradients less than 0.5% and at intervals of not greater than 30 m for sections with gradients above 0.5%. Inspection points shall also be left at all structures and all changes in gradient. Other inspections points may be required from time to time as requested by the Engineer.

2.3 Tile Laying Including Topsoil Stripping

In the case of the installation of CDT, and unless specified otherwise in the Special Provisions, the Contractor shall strip the topsoil a full width of the trenching machine plus 0.3 m on each side prior to installing the new tile with the trencher as part of the work under the appropriate item and no extra payment will be made for this stripping. After installation, confirming gradient, blinding, and back filling of the trench, the topsoil shall be replaced throughout the entire length of the Drain. The Contractor shall take into consideration the settlement of the backfill material over the trench prior to replacing the topsoil.

All CDT shall be installed with a wheel-type trencher and each tile shall be laid firmly and carefully in a smooth bottomed trench so that successive tiles align both vertically and horizontally as tightly as possible; the maximum allowable space between successive tiles shall be 6 millimetres.

All joints of the CDT must be completely wrapped with geotextile (Terrafix® 200R or equivalent) as part of the work under the appropriate item and no extra payment will be made for this wrapping. The wrap on each joint shall be a minimum of:

- 300 millimetres wide for tile sizes smaller than 450 millimetres diameter.
- 600 millimetres wide for tile sizes 450 millimetres diameter and above.

The Contractor is reminded that the widths of the tile trenches are to be kept to a minimum. It is recommended that the minimum trench width be 300 millimetres greater than the outside diameter of the tile or 150 millimetres on each side of the tile being installed. It is recommended that the maximum trench width be 600 millimetres greater than the outside diameter of the tile or 300 millimetres on each side of the tile being installed.

All PDT shall be installed with a self-propelled drainage plow.

All obstructions, dirt or foreign material shall be removed from the inside of the tile prior to laying.

Tile drains shall be constructed at an offset from, and parallel to, any existing drain, defined watercourse or low run. The Contractor shall exercise care not to disturb any existing private or municipal tile drains which follow the same course as the new drain.

2.4 Reconnection of Existing Private Tile

Any subsurface drain encountered by the Contractor when constructing a Municipal Drain under these specifications shall be reconnected to itself and not connected to the new Municipal Drain, unless approved otherwise by the Engineer. The accepted practice for reconnecting existing tile drains will be to compact sub-base material from the new trench bottom to the underside of the existing tile. Rigid pipe, HDPE (320 kPa) or approved equivalent, with a diameter equal or larger than the existing tile with a minimum length of 0.6 metres beyond the trench width to the existing tile. This connection shall be made only where the existing tile is operable and in good condition. When completing backfilling of the Municipal Drain trench at such a location, the Contractor shall take sufficient care to ensure that the new connecting pipe is not damaged.

The Contractor shall provide a unit price per connection and the unit price shall include the supply of all material, labour and equipment necessary to make the connection. Further, the Contractor shall keep a written record of all sub-surface drains encountered. All connections completed shall be reviewed daily with the Engineer and a summary of all subdrains shall be provided to the landowner.

2.5 Connection of Existing Private Tiles to Municipal Drain

A subsurface drain encountered during construction can be connected to the Municipal Drain if requested by the landowner and approved by the Engineer prior to commencement of the connection. The Drain shall be connected to the Municipal Drain either by core drilling through the CDT or a prefabricated fitting for HDPE. The core shall be drilled on-site and backfilled as per the specified detail included within the drawings. Any tile drains connected to the Municipal Drain shall have the downstream end of the tile plugged to prevent entry of foreign material into the tile.

2.6 Trench Backfilling

As the laying of the tile progresses, partial filling or blinding shall be made at the sides of the trench sufficient to hold the tiles securely in place. The Contractor shall place the remainder of the excavated material carefully when backfilling the trench. Any excess backfill material shall be mounded over the trench such that future settlement and compaction around the new tile can occur without creating a depression over the width of the trench. The Contractor shall not operate construction equipment over any backfilled trench, except as specified in Trench Crossings. Care shall be exercised in backfilling the trench to see that no stone or boulder capable of damaging the tile is used in the backfill material adjacent to the tile. In no case shall stones having a diameter

greater than 150 millimetres be used in backfill material within 300 millimetres of the tile. The Contractor shall backfill any open tile trenches at the end of each working day except for inspection points as specified. The Contractor shall be entirely responsible for any damage to the new tile throughout the warranty period.

2.7 Trench Crossings

The Contractor shall not cross any backfilled trench with any construction equipment or vehicles, except at only **one** designated crossing location on each property which shall be marked in an acceptable manner. The Contractor shall ensure that the bedding and backfill material at this designated crossing location is properly placed and compacted to adequately support the equipment and vehicles that may cross the trench. The Contractor may undertake any other approved work to ensure the integrity of the tile at the crossing location. The Contractor shall ensure that no equipment or vehicles are allowed to travel along the length of any trench. The Contractor shall be entirely responsible for any damage to the new tile throughout the warranty period.

2.8 Outlet Protection

The outlet end of a tile drain shall normally consist of a 6 m length of CSP or HDPE fitted with a rodent proof grating which is hinged at the top to allow the exit of foreign material from the tile. An outlet marker shall be supplied and installed.

Unless otherwise specified, the end of the CSP or HDPE shall be protected with the type of riprap on geotextile as specified by the Engineer from a point 500 millimetres above the Drain bottom on the opposite side of the Drain, across the Drain bottom, and for the full height of the Drain side slope where the pipe is located. The minimum width of this riprap shall be equal to the outside diameter of the outlet pipe plus 2 metres.

2.9 Precast Concrete Structures

Junction Box (JB) means an acceptable precast concrete structure installed and buried below the surface of the ground to facilitate two or more tiles meet and connect.

Catchbasin (CB) or Ditch Inlet Catchbasin (DICB) means an acceptable precast concrete structure installed at or slightly below the surface of the ground where two or more tiles meet and connect and that is intended to accommodate surface water.

Observation Box (OB) means an acceptable precast concrete structure installed above the surface of the ground where two or more tiles meet and connect and that is intended to only inspect the tile connected thereto.

Unless specified otherwise, JB's, CB's, DICB's and OB's shall be supplied by a precast manufacturer meeting the Engineer's approval. An "approximate elevation of top" of each structure has been indicated on the "Structures Table"; however, each structure shall be placed onsite such that the exact horizontal and vertical location in the field is as directed by the Engineer. All structures shall have a knock out, set at a minimum of 100 millimetres above the elevation of the outlet or as specified, placed in **all** sides not used by the Municipal Drain. Knock outs must be of a size capable of connecting a HDPE pipe with a minimum inside diameter of 250 millimetres. All structures shall have a minimum 300 millimetres deep sump, unless specified otherwise.

Non-shrink grouting material, unless specified otherwise, shall be placed around all pipes connected to the structure. In addition, the exterior of all grouted connections shall be completely wrapped with geotextile (similar to a wrapped joint). Geotextile shall also be placed in the joints between all sections of the box and around the full perimeter of the box at these joints. For the area surrounding catchbasins, unless noted otherwise, the contractor shall supply and install a 300 millimetres thickness of 100 to 150 millimetres (R10) diameter quarry stone rip rap with filter cloth underlayment.

Hot dipped galvanized, heavy duty, three-sided protruding type bird cage grates, shall be supplied for all CB's, DICB's or OB's, unless specified otherwise. All DICB's shall have a slope of 2H:1V, unless specified otherwise. Grates shall be fastened to the structure using non-corrosive fasteners as recommended by the Ontario Farm Safety Association. JB's shall have no sump and shall have a minimum 150 millimetres thick solid reinforced concrete tops.

Post and sign type markers shall be supplied and installed at each at or above ground structure.

2.10 Stripping for Deep Tile Installation

Where the tile installation depth exceeds the digging or plowing depth of the Contractor's equipment, the Contractor shall undertake any stripping that may be necessary in a manner such that when restored, the topsoil returns uncontaminated to the top of the stripped area. This would normally mean that the topsoil would be stripped and piled separately from the subsoil. The Contractor shall have regard for the working space provided for such stripping operations. Unless approved otherwise by the Engineer prior to work being undertaken, stripping shall be done using a hydraulic excavator. The cost of any stripping shall be included in the price provided for the tile installation.

2.11 Stone removal

The Contractor shall remove and dispose of any stones larger than 100 millimetres that remain on the surface of the working space after completion of construction.

E.2 CONTRACT DRAWINGS

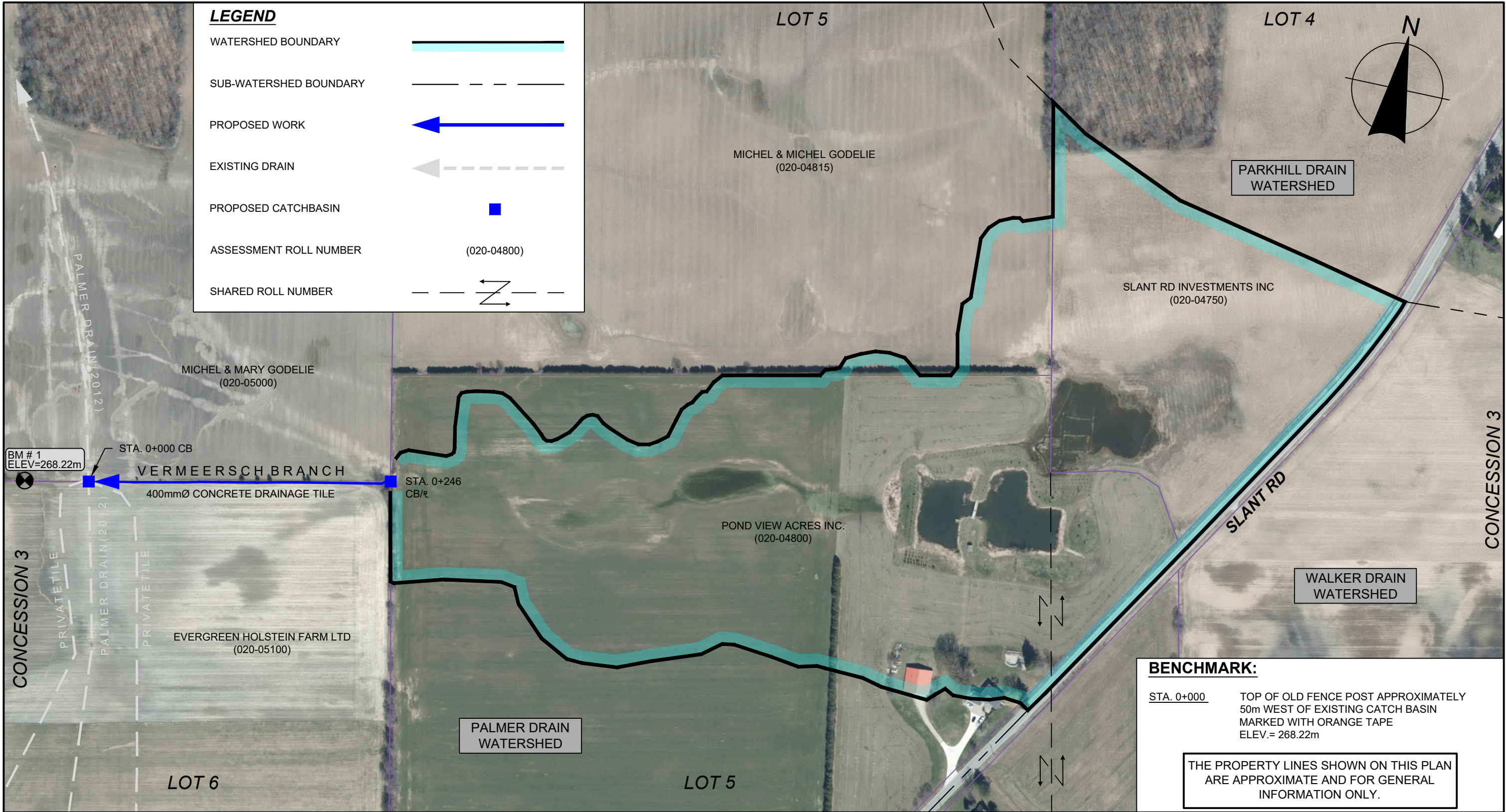
The Work required under this Contract shall be performed in strict accordance with the following drawings:

<u>Drawing No.</u>	<u>Drawing Title</u>
1	Watershed Plan
2	Profile
3	Details

These drawings are the Contract Drawings and form part of this Contract. Additional drawings showing details in accordance with which the Work is to be constructed may be furnished from time to time by the Contract Administrator, if found necessary, to supplement or supersede the drawings hereto attached. Such additional drawings shall thereupon become a part of this Contract. The Contract Drawings are complementary to the Contract Documents; any item or information found in one applies to both.

The Contractor shall be governed by the figured dimensions, as given on the drawings. The Contractor shall confirm all relevant dimensions and report any discrepancies to the Contract Administrator immediately.

Where required dimensions are not shown in figures, the Contractor shall obtain the said dimensions from the Contract Administrator before proceeding with the construction of the portion of the Work to which they refer. In every case, detailed drawings shall take precedence over general drawings. In no instance shall dimensions be scaled from drawings.



LEGEND

WATERSHED BOUNDARY

SUB-WATERSHED BOUNDARY

PROPOSED WORK

EXISTING DRAIN

PROPOSED CATCHBASIN

ASSESSMENT ROLL NUMBER (020-04800)

SHARED ROLL NUMBER

BENCHMARK:

STA. 0+000 TOP OF OLD FENCE POST APPROXIMATELY 50m WEST OF EXISTING CATCH BASIN MARKED WITH ORANGE TAPE ELEV. = 268.22m

THE PROPERTY LINES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE APPROXIMATE AND FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY.

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WATERSHED PLAN

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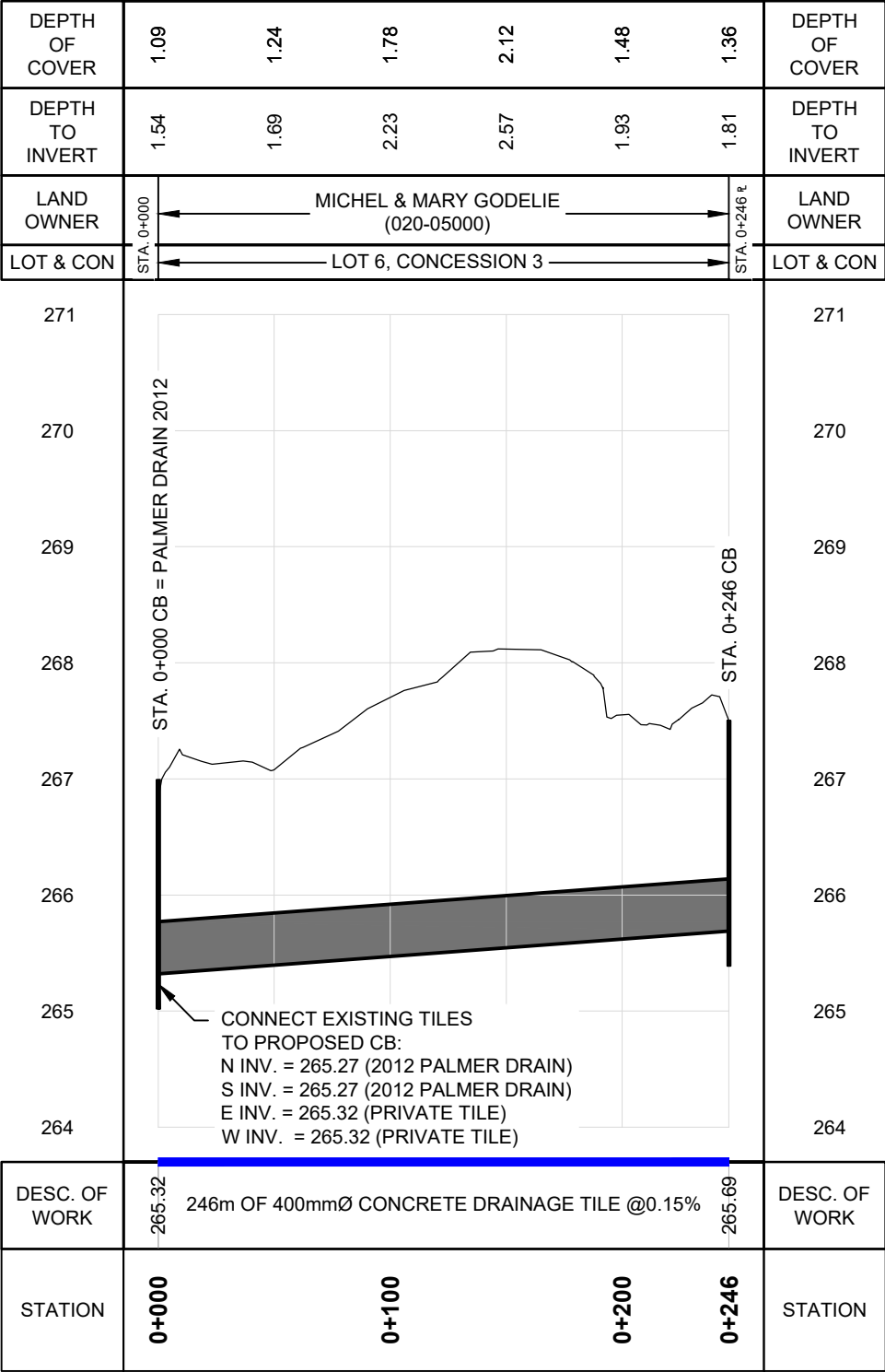
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2. STRUCTURES NOT MANUFACTURED AS SPECIFIED MAY BE REJECTED FOR USE AND SHALL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR.
3. ALL ABOVE GRADE STRUCTURES SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM SUMP OF 300mm UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED; BURIED STRUCTURES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE BENCHED.
4. ALL ABOVE GRADE STRUCTURES SHALL HAVE BIRDCAGE GRATES TO SUIT AND RIP-RAP C/W GEOTEXTILE UNDERLAY FOR ONE METRE AROUND THE STRUCTURE, UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.
5. ALL ABOVE GRADE STRUCTURES ARE TO HAVE POSTS AND MARKERS.
6. ALL GRATES AND COVERS SHALL BE FASTENED TO THE STRUCTURE IN AN APPROVED MANNER.
7. ALL STRUCTURES MUST HAVE PLUGGED INLETS IN THE SIDES NOT UTILIZED BY THE MUNICIPAL DRAIN TO ACCOMMODATE A 250mm DIA. HDPE PIPE SET 0.10m ABOVE THE OUTLET INVERT, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. ALL PLUGGED INLETS MUST HAVE THEIR LOCATION IDENTIFIED ON THE INSIDE OF THE STRUCTURE.
8. ALL CONNECTIONS TO STRUCTURES MUST BE MADE USING RIGID PIPE WHICH MUST SPAN FROM THE STRUCTURE TO UNDISTURBED NATIVE SOIL.

PIPE NOTES:

1. ALL PIPE AND PIPE WORKS SHALL CONFORM TO THE GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS.
2. ALL CONCRETE DRAINAGE TILE (CDT) SHALL BE NON-REINFORCED 2000D RATED, OR APPROVED EQUAL.
3. ALL HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) PIPE SHALL BE DUAL-WALL, 320 kPA PIPE STIFFNESS, OR APPROVED EQUAL.

STRUCTURE TABLE							
STATION	TYPE	SIZE(mm)	TOP/LOW WALL ELEV. (m)	GRATE	NOTES	Inverts (m)	
						u/s	d/s
0+000	CB	1500 x 1200	267.00	BIRDCAGE	SEE CB DETAILS	265.32	265.27
0+246	CB	600 x 600	267.45	BIRDCAGE	SEE CB DETAILS	-	265.69

PIPE TABLE						
PIPE MATERIAL	JOINING METHOD	DIAMETER(mm)	STATION		LENGTH(m)	NOTES
			FROM	TO		
CONCRETE	GEO-TEXTILE WRAPPED	400	0+000	0+246	246	2000D



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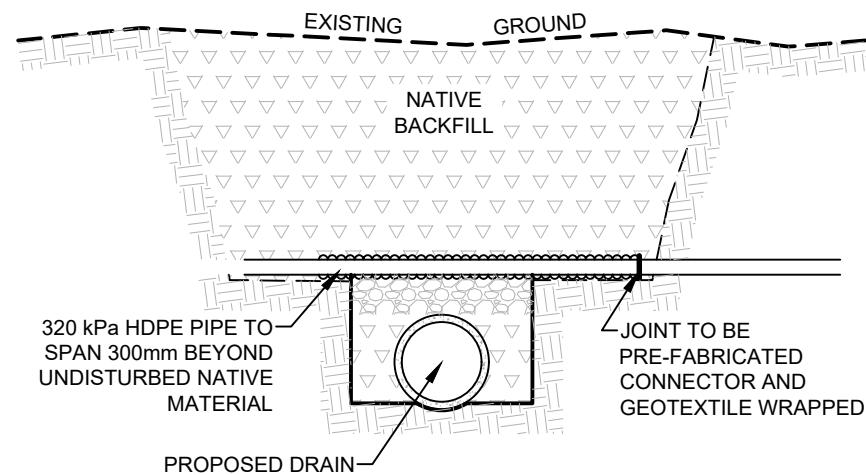
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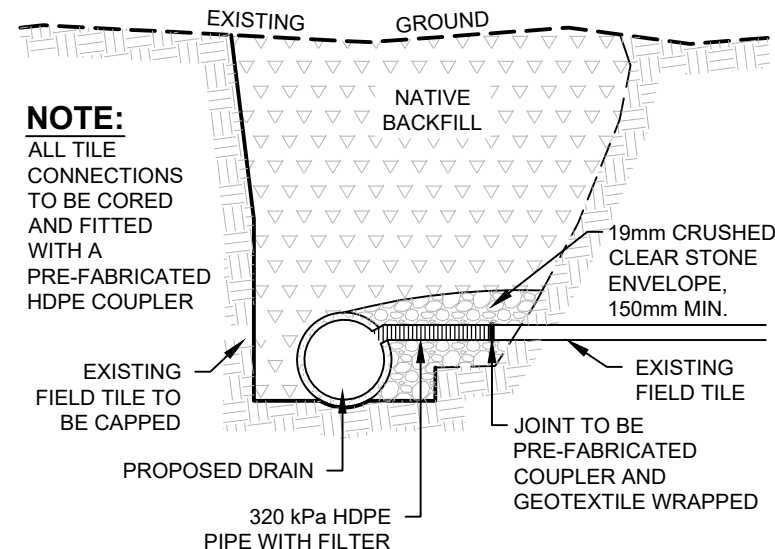
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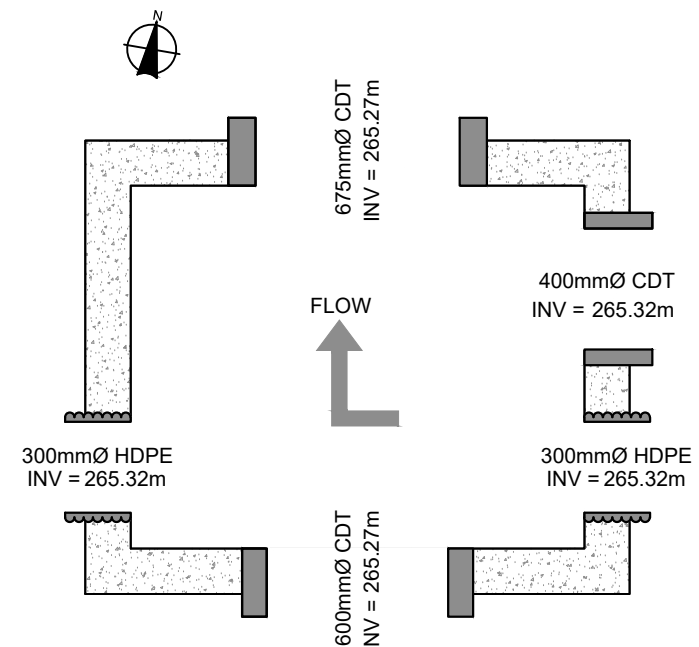
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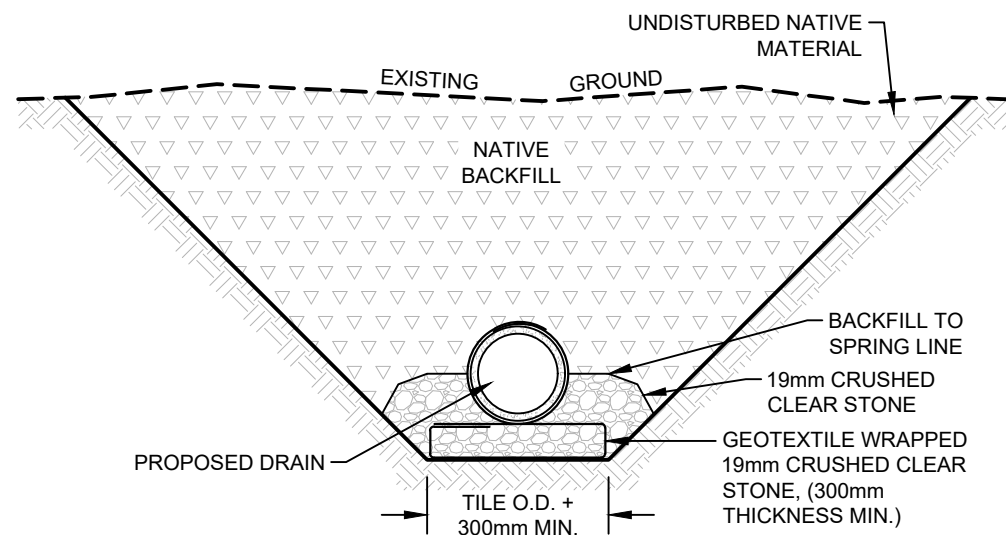
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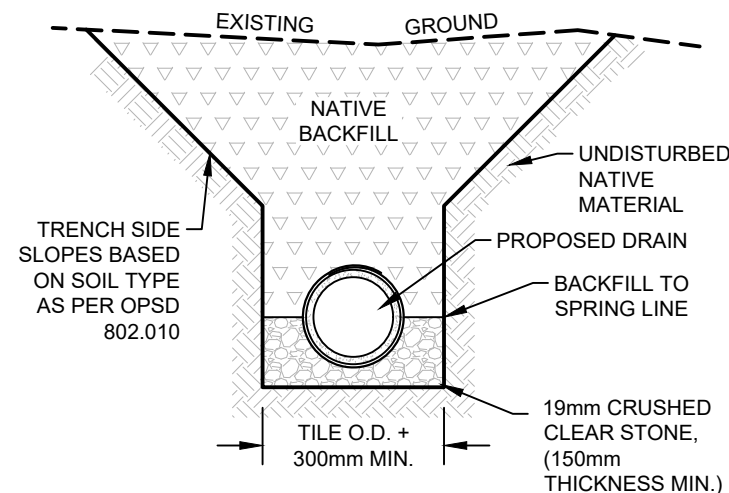
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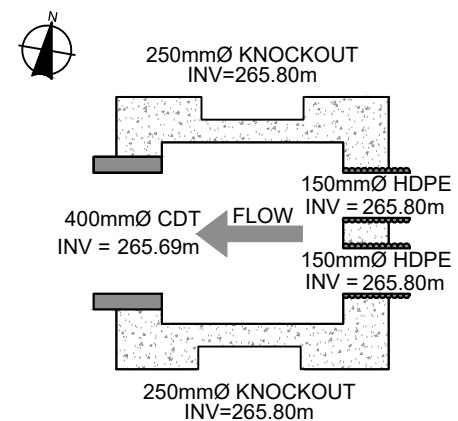
STATION 0+000
CB
1500mmX1200mm
TOP ELEV = 267.00m
300mm SUMP



INSTALLATION VIA EXCAVATOR ON WRAPPED STONE BEDDING DETAIL
N.T.S.



INSTALLATION VIA EXCAVATOR ON STONE BEDDING DETAIL
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STATION 0+246
CB
600mmX600mm
TOP ELEV = 267.45m
300mm SUMP

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Document F

Special Provisions

F1. Appendix F – Special Provisions

These ***Special Provisions*** are specific directions for this project and detail requirements not encompassed by the ***Standard Drain Specifications***.

Special Provisions shall take precedence over the ***Standard Drain Specifications*** where a conflict between them may exist.

1.0 Standard Drain Specifications

All work for this project shall also be governed by **Appendix E – Standard Drain Specifications**. The Contractor is fully responsible for a reasonable and prudent review of these Standards to have a complete and clear understanding of the scope and character of the work.

2.0 Description and Location

The proposed drain is located on Lot 6, Concessions 3, Township of Norwich, Oxford County.

The Vermeersch Branch includes the installation of approximately 246 metres of tile drain. The location of the work is shown in the enclosed plan.

3.0 Instruction and Process

3.1 Pre-Construction Meeting

The Contractor **must** arrange an on-site Pre-Construction Meeting with the Engineer, Drainage Superintendent and affected landowners before any equipment or materials are moved onto the site and before any work is commenced on this project.

3.2 Working Space

The area being provided to the Contractor to undertake the work is described herein and the maximum widths are specified on the tables entitled Table 1: Working Space – Vermeersch Branch.

Table 1: Working Space – Vermeersch Branch

Station	Maximum Width (m)	Comments¹
Sta. 0+000 to Sta. 0+246	20 m working space	Access to the drain will be from Slant Road to the Pond View Acres Inc. property (Roll No. 020-04800) and subsequently following the proposed drain alignment. The proposed drain is to be installed just inside the property line on the Godelie property (Roll No. 020-05000), along the shared boundary with Evergreen Holstein Farm Ltd. (Roll No. 020-05100). A 15 m working width has been provided on the Godelie property and a 5 m working width has been provided on the Evergreen Holstein Farm Ltd property. The larger working space on the Godelie property is required to accommodate equipment, proper excavation, tile installation, and backfilling. The smaller working space on the Evergreen Holstein Ltd. property is required to safely remove trees along the proposed drain route.

3.2.1 Working Space Notes

1. The Contractor shall contain their construction operations to as narrow a width as possible, to prevent damage to lands, crops, bush, etcetera and shall not exceed the widths indicated.
2. The Contractor shall be entirely responsible for any damage to lands, crops, etcetera, beyond the widths and locations of both the access routes and the working spaces specified, caused by the Contractor, their Subcontractors or their employees while undertaking the work.
3. The Engineer's approval **must be obtained before** exceeding the maximum width indicated.
4. Access to the working space shall be public roads or as specified. All routes must be approved by the Engineer and Drainage Superintendent prior to construction.

3.3 Access Routes

The access routes for construction shall be from specified locations on Slant Road to the drain, as specified in the table 'Working Space'. The Contractor shall confirm these

¹ For working space notes, please see Section 3.2.1.

access routes with the Engineer, Drainage Superintendent and affected landowners prior to commencing any work.

The width of the access route on each property shall be a maximum of 6 metres. Any increase in this width shall be at the discretion of the Engineer.

3.4 Private Systematic Drainage Systems

The location of existing private drainage systems shall be discussed at the pre-construction meeting and existing systems affected by the drain shall be located by the Contractor and reviewed with the Engineer and affected landowners prior to construction.

3.5 Utilities Investigation

The Contractor shall locate all utilities prior to construction.

3.6 Construction Document Errors

Any issues during construction with respect to errors or omissions with the design drawings or documents, the constructability of the system, etc., must be brought to the attention of the Contract Administrator immediately. It is expected that a clear communication channel will exist between the Contractor and the Contract Administrator and that any discrepancies relating to construction of the work will be remedied immediately. Work resulting from failure to seek clarification with the Contract Administrator by the Contractor will be the responsibility of the Contractor to remedy at no extra charge to the project and must be completed to the satisfaction of the Engineer prior to demobilization.

3.7 Final Inspection

After substantial completion of the work and prior to demobilization and removal of equipment and materials from the site, the Contractor **must** arrange an on-site **final** inspection of the work with the Engineer. This is to ensure all aspects of the work have been satisfactorily completed and/or that arrangements have been made to expedite the completion of any outstanding minor items or deficiencies. Notification to the Engineer of this Final Inspection shall be provided at least two days prior.

3.8 Deficiencies

Deficient items such as catchbasin markers, grate tabs, rodent grates, additional rip-rap, etc. shall be remedied by the Contractor during the warranty period and paid at the Contract price. If the Contractor fails to complete the work within a reasonable timeframe in the opinion of the Engineer and/or the Township, the work shall be completed by a Contractor of the Engineer's choosing and the cost of the work deducted from the Contract holdback.

3.9 Liquidated Damages

In addition to GC 8.02.09.01 and the supplemental general specifications any breach of the Contract terms by the Contractor may be subject to **daily liquidated damages of \$500** at the discretion of the Contract Administrator. Pertinent examples may include but are not limited to:

- Work outside the timing windows stated in the Contract.
- Failure to install applicable erosion and sediment controls prior to completing other construction activities.
- Failure to meet Substantial Performance of the Contract by the date specified in the Contract Documents.

4.0 Description of Work

This section includes specific instructions pertaining to the drain construction and shall be in addition to any specifications noted in the Standard Drain Specifications. The numbering of each item references the corresponding item in the schedule of unit prices. Each item shall be bid as a lump sum price unless otherwise noted. **For the lump sum price bid, unless otherwise noted, the Contractor shall provide the following items:**

Section A – Vermeersch Branch

SP 0 Mobilization

This item covers the Contractors' costs associated with the transportation and/or accommodation (meals and lodging) of labour, equipment, offices, conveniences, temporary facilities, construction plant and other items not required to form part of the permanent works and not covered by other items in the Schedule of Unit Prices. This line item shall only apply to the first/primary mobilization/demobilization required to fulfill the Contract. Additional mobilization costs will not be paid if the Contractor chooses to leave the Site on their own accord following the initial mobilization. However, if at the discretion of the Contract Administrator a situation warrants the Contractor to demobilize from Site to complete the remainder of the work at a later date, the costs associated with this may be negotiated with the Contract Administrator and paid as an extra item.

Payment at the lump sum price set out in the schedule of unit prices for mobilization and demobilization will be made as follows:

- 50% payable on first Payment Certificate.
- 50% payable on Substantial Performance Payment Certificate.

SP 1 Catchbasin Installation

The proposed catchbasins shall be installed as per the Standard Drain Specifications and where applicable orientated as depicted on the accompanying details. The Contractor shall ensure that positive drainage to the proposed catchbasins and complete minor grading works where required to the satisfaction of the Contract Administrator.

The Contractor shall supply and place a minimum of one metre width of rip-rap and geotextile on all sides of the catchbasins.

The Contractor shall utilize excess on-site material from adjacent tile and structure installation to construct directional berms where identified on the accompanying plans. Directional berms shall at a minimum match the height of the DICB high wall and feather into the existing topography.

The Contractor shall include the cost to complete all the necessary municipal tile connections complete with parging on the interior and exterior of the proposed catchbasin as part of the associated line item. Each catchbasin shall be installed with tabs, and an approved post and marker. Any existing catchbasins are to be removed and disposed of offsite by the Contractor.

Anticipated connections to the proposed catchbasins are summarized below:

- Sta. 0+000: Locate and connect the existing Palmer Drain 2012 (675 millimetre diameter concrete drainage tile north wall and 600 millimetre diameter concrete drainage tile south wall) to the proposed catchbasin. Additionally, locate and connect two existing private 300 millimetre diameter high-density polyethylene tiles to the east and west walls of the proposed catchbasin. These private tiles currently connect to the existing catchbasin at the property line shared between Godelie and Evergreen Holstein Farm Ltd.
- Sta. 0+246: Locate and connect the existing 150 millimetre diameter private drainage tiles to the proposed catchbasin.

SP 2 Concrete Drainage Tile

All concrete drainage tile shall be Heavy Duty 2000D. The tile shall be installed as per the Standard Drain Specifications and accompanying details.

Prior to the installation of the new tile, the Contractor shall strip the topsoil from the area of the proposed tile trench for the entire width of excavation. The topsoil shall be stockpiled separately from native subsoil and subsequently replaced. This shall be included as part of the work under the appropriate item. An extra payment will not be made for the stripping, stockpiling, and replacing of topsoil. Under no circumstances will frozen topsoil be levelled or placed over top of the drain. If the Contractor elects to install the drain during winter months, the Contractor shall return to the Site and level the topsoil when conditions are appropriate. No additional mobilization charges shall be made for returning to the Site to conduct the levelling of topsoil.

Should the Contractor wish to use an alternate installation method (i.e., wheel trencher) at time of construction, the proposed method shall be adequately investigated and

discussed with the Contract Administrator. The change in installation technique shall be formally requested by the Contractor and if approved by the Contract Administrator, a Change Order shall be issued.

Section B – Contingency Items

This section covers work that may be required for this project. These items shall apply only as and when approved by the Engineer.

If a scenario arises where the quantity of a contingency item is such that it exceeds the quantity specified in the schedule of unit prices by more than 150%, the Contract Administrator may issue a project change order and request revised unit pricing as required. Should this occur, the Contractor shall provide a unit pricing for such a contingency item within one working day.

SP 3 Reconnection and / or Connection of Existing Tiles

General: The unit price bid for these items shall include all labour, equipment, and material required to reconnect/connect existing private tile drains encountered during construction to the drain.

Missed connections and/or reconnections during construction shall be completed by the Contractor during the warranty period and paid at the contract price. If the Contractor fails to complete the connection and/or reconnection within a reasonable timeframe in the opinion of the Engineer and/or the Township, the work shall be completed by a Contractor of the Engineer's choosing and the cost of the work deducted from the contract holdback.

Reconnections: For the unit price bid the Contractor shall reconnect existing private tile drains encountered during construction across the trench to themselves, above the new tile. Included in this price shall be all labour, equipment and material required to support the tile connection above the new drain, consisting of compacted backfill or 19 millimetre diameter clear stone bedding, and connection of the tile using either of appropriately sized plastic drainage tubing or solid high-density polyethylene dual-wall (320 kPa) pipe (or approved equal) across the trench as per the detail in the accompanying drawings.

Connections: Typically, existing private tiles encountered during construction will be connected to themselves per detail in the accompanying drawings. In circumstances where, in the opinion of the Engineer, reconnection is not possible, private tiles may be connected to the new drain as noted and with the downstream side of the existing tile capped.

Installation shall include an appropriately sized plastic drainage tubing or solid high-density polyethylene dual-wall (320 kPa) pipe (or approved equal), connected to the new pipe using a core drilled hole and manufactured high-density polyethylene coupler fitting, with 19 millimetre diameter clear crushed stone backfill under the connection and a minimum of 150 millimetres over top of the connection per accompanying detail. Connections directly into the new drain without the use of a coupler will not be permitted. Please refer to the Standard Drain Specifications for additional information.

SP 4 Special Installation Techniques for Poor Trenching Conditions

If poor construction conditions are encountered where, in the opinion of the Contractor, it is not feasible to install the tile via excavator as per the typical installation technique on the accompanying details, the Contractor shall immediately inform the Contract Administrator to obtain approval to switch to:

- Installation on a minimum depth of 300 millimetre of 19 millimetre diameter clear crushed stone (or approved equal) with 19 millimetre clear crushed stone backfill up to the springline of the pipe at a minimum.

For the **additional** unit price bid per lineal metre of trench, the Contractor shall install the pipe on 19 millimetre diameter clear crushed stone, or on geotextile wrapped 19 millimetre diameter clear crushed stone, as described in the schedule of unit prices per the details in the accompanying drawings, with a hydraulic excavator. The Contractor shall note that the wrapping of tile joints still applies under original items. The cost to supply 19 millimetre diameter clear crushed stone and/or geotextile shall be included as part of the Contractors' bid in this line item.

The Contractor shall keep a list of stations where these installation techniques were used, to be confirmed with the Contract Administrator daily.

This item shall be used only when the soil conditions encountered are such that the typical installation technique with an excavator cannot, in the opinion of the Contract Administrator, be used effectively to install the pipe. The Contractor must receive approval from the Engineer prior to using either of these techniques. When soil conditions are again favourable in the opinion of the Contractor and the Contract Administrator, typical installation techniques shall resume as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in non-payment of this contingency item.



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Document G

Articles of Agreement

G. ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

(EXAMPLE ONLY, COMPLETED LATER WITH WINNING BID)

Vermeersch Branch
.....

Contract No. 300060537.0000

THIS AGREEMENT made the day of 20____

BY AND BETWEEN:

Township of Norwich
.....

(herein and throughout the Contract Documents
called the "Contractor")

- and -

.....
(herein and throughout the Contract Documents
called the "Owner")

WITNESSETH

That the Owner and the Contractor in consideration of the fulfilment of their respective promises and obligations herein set forth covenant and agree with each other as follows:

ARTICLE I

- (a) This Agreement applies to the supply of all labour, material and equipment necessary to complete the Work as set out in this Contract.
- (b) This Agreement, together with the documents listed in clause 3.2 of Document A of the Bid Documents constitute the "Contract" and are to be

read herewith and form part of the Contract as fully and completely to all intents and purposes as though all the stipulations thereof had been embodied herein.

- (c) The date from which this Contract is to be in force is the _____ day of _____, 20____.
- (d) Interest
 - (i) Subject to GC 8.02.04.09, Interest for Late Payment and GC 8.02.04.10, Interest for Negotiations and Claims, should either party fail to make payments as they become due under the terms of the Contract or in an award by arbitration or court, interest at a variable nominal rate per annum equal on each day to the Bank Rate then in effect plus one and one-half percent (1.5%) on the outstanding payment shall also become due and payable until payment.
 - (ii) Subject to GC 8.02.04.09, Interest for Late Payment and GC 8.02.04.10, Interest for Negotiations and Claims, interest shall apply at the rate and in the manner prescribed by the preceding section on the amount of any claim advanced and for which the Contractor is thereafter entitled to payment, either pursuant to GC 3.13, Dispute Resolution of the General Conditions, or otherwise, from the date the amount would have been due and payable under the Contract, had it not been in dispute, until the date it is paid.
- (e) The Contract supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral, relating in any manner to the Work, including the Bid Documents that are not expressly listed as forming part of the Contract Documents. The Contract may be amended only as provided in the Contract Documents. The Contract Documents shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their respective successors and permitted assigns.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision(s) in the Contract Documents, in the event of a pandemic, as declared by the World Health Organization, the terms put forth in this subsection will take precedence and apply to this Contract. Should circumstances arise due to a pandemic which significantly frustrate the Contractor's ability to perform and/or complete the Work, to a degree which, in the sole judgement of the Contract Administrator (in consultation with the Owner and the Contractor), renders continuation of the Work substantially inefficient or impractical and/or completion of the Work impossible, then the Owner may suspend the Work or terminate the Contract, as appropriate under said circumstances.

In the event of a Work suspension, the duration of which would be initially determined and subsequently adjusted as necessary by the Contract Administrator (in consultation with the Owner and the Contractor), the Contractor will be reimbursed by the Owner for reasonable direct costs associated with the suspension (e.g., demobilization/remobilization costs, directly related administrative costs, other specific/direct costs as approved by the Contract Administrator). Consequential/indirect costs or losses incurred by the Contractor and all subcontractors/suppliers (e.g., loss of profit, loss of opportunity, business impact costs, special or any other incidental/indirect/consequential cost or loss) are excluded from consideration for reimbursement by the Owner in their entirety. The Contract Administrator, in a fair and balanced manner, will be the sole arbiter with respect to determination of qualifying direct costs and excluded indirect/consequential costs. The Contract Time shall be extended for a period of time matching the duration of the suspension, at a minimum, or such longer period of time as deemed appropriate by the Contract Administrator to account for schedule inefficiencies associated with suspending and restarting the Work.

In the event of Contract termination, the Contractor will be reimbursed by the Owner for reasonable direct costs associated with the termination (e.g., payment for all Work performed up to the date of termination as verified by the Contract Administrator, directly related administrative costs, material restocking fees, full payment for materials which cannot be returned/restocked, demobilization, direct subcontract cancellation costs – excluding all associated consequential/indirect costs or losses incurred by subcontractors and suppliers, other specific/direct costs as approved by the Contract Administrator). Consequential/indirect costs or losses incurred by the Contractor and all subcontractors/suppliers (e.g., loss of profit, loss of opportunity, business impact costs, special or any other incidental/indirect/consequential cost or loss) are excluded from consideration for reimbursement by the Owner in their entirety. The Contract Administrator, in a fair and balanced manner, will be the sole arbiter with respect to determination of qualifying direct costs and excluded indirect/consequential costs.

(g) *Construction Act* (Ontario Amendments (Effective January 1, 2026))

1 Precedence and Compliance:

- i. **Precedence:** This Articles of Agreement clause governs the administration of hold back, lien rights, prompt payment, proper invoices, adjudication, and statutory notices for the Contract and prevails over all other provisions in the Bid / Contract Documents, including supplementary conditions, specifications, and drawings, to the extent of any inconsistency.

- ii. **Statutory Compliance:** The Parties shall perform the Work in full compliance with Ontario's *Construction Act* and its regulations as amended and proclaimed effective **January 1, 2026**, including amendments introduced by the Building Ontario For You Act (Bill 216) and refined by the Fighting Delays. *Building Faster Act*. 2025 (Bill 60).

2 **Mandatory Annual Release of Basic Holdback**

- i. **Annual Obligation:** For Contracts extending beyond one (1) year, the Owner shall release the **accumulated basic holdback annually** (the "Annual Holdback Release"). This is a statutory requirement and is **not optional**.
- ii. **Notice and Timing:** Within **fourteen (14) days** after each anniversary of the Contract Date, the Owner shall **publish a Notice of Annual Release of Holdback** in the prescribed form on a designated construction trade news website. Payment of the annual hold back shall be made **no earlier than sixty (60) days** and **no later than seventy-four (74) days** after publication, provided no preserved or perfected lien remains outstanding in that period.
- iii. **Flow-Down:** Upon receipt of an annual holdback payment, the Contractor shall release the applicable annual hold back to its first-tier Subcontractors **within fourteen (14) days**, and each lower tier shall do likewise **within fourteen (14) days**, except to the extent prohibited by a preserved or perfected lien in the immediate tier.
- iv. **No Set-Off of Holdback Post-Termination/Abandonment:** Where a contract or subcontract is abandoned or terminated, holdback amounts **shall not** be used as set-off to obtain substitute services or satisfy claims **until all potential liens against that holdback are resolved**.

3 **Lien Rights and Expiry**

- i. **No Annual Lien Expiry:** The Annual Holdback Release **does not** extinguish lien rights. The prior proposal to align holdback release with **annual lien expiry** has been **removed**; standard lien expiry provisions under section 31 of the Act continue to apply.
- ii. **Notice of Termination:** If the Contract is terminated, the Party whose lien rights are subject to expiry (including the Owner or Contractor, as applicable) shall **publish a Notice of Termination within seven (7) days**. For statutory purposes, **the date of**

termination is deemed to be the date of first publication, without prejudice to any Party's right to contest the validity of termination.

4 Statutory Notices and Publication

- i. **Designated Platforms:** All statutory notices under the Act (including, without limitation, the **Notice of Annual Release of Holdback**) shall be published on a **designated construction trade news website** in accordance with **0. Reg. 304/18** (currently including Daily Commercial News, Link2Build, and Ontario Construction News).
- ii. **Forms:** The **prescribed form** for the Notice of Annual Release of Holdback (Form 6, as amended) shall be used for compliance with section 26 of the Act, as modified by the 2026 amendments.

5 Proper Invoices and Prompt Payment

- i. **Expanded Proper Invoice Content:** A **proper invoice** includes the statutory minimum content **and** any **additional information reasonably required** for the Owner's accounts-payable system, as contemplated by the amended Act.
- ii. **Deemed Proper Invoice:** An invoice that does not strictly comply with formal content requirements shall be **deemed a proper invoice** unless the Owner **notifies the Contractor in writing of deficiencies within seven (7) days** of receipt, which notice shall detail the missing or non-conforming information.
- iii. **Tender Alignment:** The Parties acknowledge that the Owner may specify reasonable additional content requirements for proper invoices in the Bid Documents, provided such requirements are consistent with the amended Act.

6 Adjudication; Combined Proceedings

- i. **Adjudication Scope and Process:** The Parties reaffirm their obligations to participate in **interim adjudication** under the *Act*. The 2026 amendments refine adjudication procedures and clarify interaction with payment and notice timelines without altering the core availability of adjudication introduced in prior reforms.
- ii. **Combined Lien and Trust Claims:** As permitted by amended **0. Reg. 302/18**, **lien and trust claims may be combined** in a single proceeding where they arise from the same or related facts.

7 Transitional Rules

- i. **New Contracts:** For Contracts **entered into on or after January 1, 2026**, the Annual Holdback Release applies **on the first contract anniversary** and annually thereafter.
- ii. **Existing Contracts:** For Contracts entered into before **January 1, 2026**, the Annual Holdback Release applies beginning on the **second contract anniversary after January 1, 2026**, at which time all accrued hold back to that date shall be released, followed by annual releases thereafter.

8 No Waiver of Statutory Rights; Conflict

- i. **No Waiver:** No provision of the Bid Documents shall be construed to **waive, limit, or contract out of** rights, remedies, or obligations imposed by the Act and its regulations, as amended.
- ii. **Conflict Resolution:** In the event of conflict between this clause and any other part of the Bid / Contract Documents, this clause **governs**. In the event of conflict between this clause and the *Act*, the **Act governs**.

ARTICLE II

THE CONTRACTOR UNDERTAKES AND AGREES:

- (a) To do all the work and furnish all the labour, equipment, materials, tools, plant, appliances and transportation necessary or proper for the performing and completing of the Work, as set forth in the Contract Documents, and in the manner and within the time specified in the Contract Documents and otherwise do and fulfill everything indicated by the Contract Documents.

The Contract Documents are intended to cover and provide for proper completed work in all respects, and everything necessary to carry out this intent which may reasonably be implied from the Contract Documents must be done by the Contractor, even if not explicitly referred to.

- (b) The Contractor shall guarantee the Work free from any defects in materials and workmanship under normal operating conditions throughout the Warranty Period as defined in the Contract.
- (c) The decision of the Contract Administrator is to be final and binding on the Contractor and the Owner as to the nature and cause of any defects and deficiencies in the Work and as to the remedy required for each and as to which party shall bear the cost of such remedy. Failure to comply with the directions of the Contract Administrator within forty-eight (48) hours after written notice may result in the Contract Administrator having the work

- performed by others and the cost thereof being deducted from the amount due to the Contractor.
- (d) To furnish the following:
 - i) Tender Deposit and Contract Security.
 - ii) Evidence of all Insurance required by the Contract Documents.
 - iii) Current Clearance Certificate from the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB).
 - (e) The Contractor hereby acknowledges and agrees that the cost of any item of work reasonably inferred to be necessary for proper completion of the Work yet not specifically listed in the Schedule of Unit Prices is considered to be incorporated in the prices that are listed in Schedule of Unit Prices. The Contractor further acknowledges and agrees that the prices listed in Schedule of Unit Prices include, without limitation, duties, taxes, tariffs, royalties, permits, customs, insurance, contract security, handling, transportation, overhead, profit and all other charges and expenses, in effect at the time of bid submission, except only for the Value Added Tax.
 - (f) The Contractor also acknowledges and agrees that:
 - (i) The estimated quantities in the Schedule of Unit Prices are only approximate and are not a representation, warranty or guarantee of the number of units of each item that will be a part of the Work and the measured quantities of completed work or materials may vary from such estimated quantities. Such variation will not invalidate the Contract or the prices in Schedule of Unit Prices and the Owner shall have no liability or obligation to the Contractor in regard to such variation including, without limitation, incidental, consequential, direct, loss of profits, loss of opportunity, loss of good will, loss of revenue, special or other damages.
 - (ii) With the exception of the lump sum amounts for completed items set out in Schedule of Unit Prices, payment will only be made for the actual measured quantities of completed work performed or materials furnished as a part of the Work, as determined in accordance with the Contract Documents.
 - (g) These amounts may be subject to adjustments as provided in the Contract Documents.
 - (h) As such payments become due, the Contractor shall, in accordance with the terms of its agreements with any Subcontractors, pay all of its Subcontractors in full on account of work properly performed or Materials properly supplied, as applicable, less any holdback monies retained in compliance with the *Construction Act* (Ontario).

ARTICLE III

THE OWNER UNDERTAKES AND AGREES:

- (a) The Owner shall pay Contractor, for the performance of the Work, in accordance with the Contract Documents, the following:
 - (i) for the completed lump sum components of the Work, the lump sum amounts set out in Schedule of Unit Prices; and
 - (ii) for the completed unit price components of the Work, the aggregate amount of the actual number of units of measurement of each item multiplied by the appropriate unit price that is set out in the Schedule of Unit Prices.
- (b) Subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Contract Documents, and the *Construction Act* (Ontario), the Owner shall:
 - (i) Make monthly progress payments to the Contractor on account of the Work performed when due in the amount verified by the Contract Administrator together with such Value Added Taxes as may be applicable to such amount verified by the Contract Administrator;
 - (ii) Retain both the 10% Statutory Holdback plus a 2.5% Warranty Holdback from all Contract Payments.
 - (iii) Upon Substantial Performance of the Work, and upon expiration of the lien period and satisfaction of the Contract and *Construction Act* requirements, pay to the Contractor the 10% Statutory Holdback, as modified by annual Holdback release for multi-year Contracts (If applicable).
 - (iv) Upon expiry of the Warranty period, rectification of all deficiencies, and required completion of incomplete work, pay to the Contractor the 2.5% Warranty Holdback.

ARTICLE IV

All communications in writing between the parties or between them and the Contract Administrator shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee if sent to:

The Contractor at:

Or by email

- and to the Owner at:

Township of Norwich
ATTN: Dirk Kramer
285767 Airport Road
Norwich, Ontario, N0J 1P0

- and to the Contract Administrator at:

R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited
ATTN: Chris Thompson, P.Eng.
35 Perry Street, Suite 2
Woodstock, ON N4S 3C4

Or by email chris.thompson@rjburnside.com

ARTICLE V

This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors, executors, administrators and assigns. Note that the use of seals, while encouraged when available, is not mandatory.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Contractor and the Owner have respectively affixed their corporate seals and the hands of their proper officers on or about the day and year first above written.

Contractor

For the Contractor/Signature & Seal

Date Signed

Witness

Township of Norwich

Owner

For the Owner/Signature & Seal

Date Signed

Witness



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Document B – Bid

**Bidders Shall Submit This
Document with Their Bid**