



## County Council

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**Meeting Date:** December 13, 2022

**Submitted by:** Chris Traini, P.Eng.  
GM Infrastructure/Deputy CAO/County Engineer

**Subject:** Blacks Bridge Replacement  
Project M-G-22

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Project M-G-22 for the replacement of the Blacks Bridge was advertised with tenders accepted until 12 noon, Wednesday November 29, 2022. Blacks Bridge is located over the Ausable River on West Corner Drive in the Municipality of North Middlesex and was designated for replacement in accordance with the Environmental Study Report that was completed earlier in 2022.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The County received seven bids for this project. Sierra Bridge Inc. was the low bidder with a total bid price of \$4,062,594.08 including HST and a \$250,000 contingency allowance. A letter of review and summary of the submitted bids is attached. As per the letter the bid submitted by Sierra Bridge Inc. is approximately \$300,000 lower than the pre-tender estimate.

While Sierra Bridge Inc. has not worked with Middlesex County previously they have completed projects of similar scope and have adequate experience in the industry. It is recommended that their bid be accepted.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the bid of Sierra Bridge Inc. in the amount of \$4,062,594.08 including taxes and contingencies for Project M-G-22 for the replacement of the Blacks Bridge be accepted; and

THAT the County Engineer be authorized to undertake all administrative acts necessary in connection with this project, including execution of any contract or other documents, if required.