

**THE CORPORATION OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY
BY-LAW NO. 2023-017**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING
THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS & SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Section 271 of the Municipal Act, Chapter 25, S.O. 2001 imposes upon municipalities the obligation to adopt policies with respect to the procurement of goods and services;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley deems it expedient to establish procedural policy for purchasing and tendering.;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley ENACTS as follows;

PART I – SHORT TITLE

1. This By-Law may be cited as the "Procurement By-Law".

PART II – PURPOSES, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. The purpose, goals and objectives of this By-Law and of each of the methods of procurement authorized are:
 - (a) To ensure openness, accountability and transparency while protecting the financial best interests of the Township;
 - (b) To encourage competition among suppliers;
 - (c) To maximum savings for taxpayers;
 - (d) To ensure service and product delivery, quality, efficiency and effectiveness;
 - (e) To ensure fairness among bidders;
 - (f) To have regard to the accessibility for persons with disabilities to the goods, services, and construction purchased by the Township;
 - (g) The Township will wherever possible, promote and incorporate the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act, 2005 and the regulations thereunder in Township purchasing activities;
 - (h) To attempt to recue the amount of solid waste requiring disposal through the purchase of environmentally responsible goods and services.

PART III – DEFINITIONS AND SCHEDULES

1. The words and phrases listed below when used in this By-Law shall have the following meaning ascribed to them:
 - (a) "CAO" shall mean the Chief Administrative Officer of the Township of Bonnechere;
 - (b) "COMMODITY" shall mean supplies, materials, services, publications, goods or undertaking required from time to time by the Corporation;
 - (c) "CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASING" shall mean the process by which a group of purchasers enter into an agreement to purchase commodities, jointly, to establish greater buying owner, in an effort to obtain lower prices;
 - (d) "CORPORATION" shall mean the Township of Bonnechere Valley;
 - (e) "COUNCIL" shall mean the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley;
 - (f) "DEPARTMENT" shall mean a particular municipal function as determined by Council;

- (g) "DEPARTMENT HEAD" shall mean that person appointed by Council to be in charge of and responsible for a particular municipal function;
- (h) "DEPARTMENT HEAD DESIGNATE" shall mean that person in charge and responsible for a department in the absence of the Department Head;
- (i) "QUOTATION" shall mean a price requested and submitted for a specified commodity, either written or verbal;
- (j) "TENDER" shall mean a sealed bid, indicating the charge for a commodity as invited;
- (k) "TENDER DOCUMENT" shall mean a document setting out specifications for a product, commodity, service or undertaking;
- (l) "VENDOR" shall mean the supplier of a commodity.

PART IV – PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

1. PURCHASE OF GOODS

- (a) Budgeted purchases up to \$25,000.00 shall be authorized at the discretion of the appropriate Department Head, without tender or quote but the transaction shall be in the best financial interest of the Corporation;
- (b) Budgeted purchase in excess of \$25,000.00 up to and including \$50,000.00 shall require a minimum of two written or verbal quotations;
- (c) Budgeted purchases in excess of \$50,000.00 shall be processed as per Part IV 3 (a);
- (d) Non-Budgeted purchases in excess of \$50,000.00 shall be processed as per Part IV 3 (a) and approved by Council. However, 1 (b) may be used at the discretion of the Department Head to a maximum of \$25,000.00;
- (e) Purchases to a maximum of \$100.00 may be paid from Petty Cash;
- (f) Written quotations may be received electronically;
- (g) All maintenance items deemed urgent shall be purchased in the best financial interest of the Corporation.

2. QUOTATION PROCEDURE

- (a) Prices for goods may be negotiated on the open market without advertisement. Negotiations shall follow good business practices;
- (b) Should a commodity be available only through one supplier, due to repairs to equipment installed by a manufacturer, or for whatever reason, the process of obtaining only one quotation shall first be authorized by the Department Head & CAO.

3. TENDERING BY INVITATION

- (a) Purchases in excess \$50,000.00 up to an including \$100,000.00 may be tendered by invitation. A minimum of three (3) invitations must be requested. However, the tender shall be open, with all tenders accepted and considered. In the case that three invitations, for whatever reason, cannot be requested, the process of obtaining less than three (3) tenders must be authorized by Council.

4. TENDERS BY ADVERTISEMENT

- (a) Purchases in excess of \$100,000.00 shall be open and advertised;
- (b) Tenders submitted in excess of \$100,000.00 shall include a certified cheque in the amount of 10% of the value of the contract;
- (c) Tenders may be accepted electronically in ZIP file format only;
- (d) Tenders shall be delivered to Bonnechere Valley Municipal Office, 49 Bonnechere Street East, Eganville, ON K0J 1T0 or the location specified in the tender document, within the time period required;

- (e) Tenders, which arrive after the specified deadline will be returned unopened with an accompanying letter;
- (f) In the event that a late tender package has no return address, said package shall be opened for the purpose of obtaining a return address, resealed and returned as per Part IV 4 (d);
- (g) Tenders shall be received by municipal staff, who shall indicate, on the tender package, the time and date received.

5. TENDERS OPENING

- (a) Tenders shall be opened by the Tender Committee;
- (b) The Tender Committee shall consist of:
 - i) The Department Head or his/her designate;
 - ii) The CAO or his/her designate.
- (c) The Tender Meeting shall be open to public;
- (d) The CAO or his/her designate shall open the tenders and call out the following;
 - i) Announce the date and time received on the package or email;
 - ii) The name of the tenderer;
 - iii) Total Contract Price;
 - iv) Amount of certified cheque or bid bond;
 - v) Announce that the tender has been properly signed and sealed;
 - vi) Announce that the tender was received in the required format if received electronically
- (e) Once opened the following procedure shall ensure:
 - i) Tenders shall be listed and recapped by the Department Head or his/her designate;
 - ii) The Department Head shall analyse and make recommendations to the Council.

6. ADVERTISING TENDERS

- (a) Notice of Tender shall be published a minimum of once in at least one daily or weekly newspaper or trade journal with said notice appearing no later than fourteen days before the tender closing date.
- (b) The tender notice shall contain the following information:
 - i) The name of the Corporation;
 - ii) The project name;
 - iii) Type of work;
 - iv) Location of work;
 - v) The Official designated to receive tenders;
 - vi) The time of tender closing;
 - vii) The address to receive or submit tender documents;
 - viii) The charge for tender documents, if applicable;
 - ix) Information that "lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted".

7. WITHDRAWAL OF TENDER PRIOR TO TENDER OPENING

- (a) A withdrawal of a tender shall be allowed as follows;
 - i) If the request is received prior to the closing time of the tender as advertised;
 - ii) Said request must be in writing, signed by an authorized signing officer of the company tendering or by an individual if sole proprietorship.

PART V – GENERAL PROCUREMENT AND PURCHASES

1. AWARDING OF TENDERS AND PURCHASES

- (a) The following criteria shall be used for the purpose of awarding tenders and/or purchases:
 - i) Tender price;
 - ii) Financial stability of the supplier of the commodity or service;
 - iii) Ability to fulfil contract;
 - iv) Adherence to specifications;
 - v) Quality standards.
- (b) Tenders shall be awarded by resolution of Council.
- (c) Tender deposits shall be dealt with as follows:
 - i) The tender deposit for the lowest tender shall be retained until the tender is accepted and the performance guarantee is received;
 - ii) The tender deposit for the second lowest tender is accepted. If the lowest tender is rejected the second lowest tender shall be subject to Part V 1. (c) (i);
 - iii) All other tender deposits shall be returned within two working days of the tender opening.
- (d) Upon payment for services, an amount equal to 10% of the requested payment shall be withheld under the provisions of the Construction Lien Act.

2. NEGOTIATIONS

- (a) Purchase by negotiation with one or more sources or bidders shall be permitted under the following circumstances and requirements for inviting tenders and quotations may be waived:
 - i) When in the judgement of the Department Head, goods are judged to be in short supply, due to market conditions;
 - ii) Where there is only one source of supply for the commodity;
 - iii) Where two or more identical bids have been received;
 - iv) Where the lowest quotation, excluding tenders, meets the specifications, but is excessive in total cost and substantially exceeds the estimated costs;
 - v) When the process of purchase by negotiation is invoked, it shall be conducted jointly by a special tender committee made up in the same manner as per Part IV 5 (b).

3. CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASING

- (a) Co-operative purchasing with other Municipalities, Boards, Commissions, Agencies and other levels of government, etc. shall be permitted;
- (b) The method of purchasing and sharing of costs shall be determined by the CAO in co-operation with the partner or partners in the Co-operative Purchasing Plan;
- (c) Co-operative Purchases may be undertaken at the discretion of the CAO provided that the discretion of the CAO provided that monies are allocated for said commodity in the current budget;
- (d) Purchases not allocated in the current budget shall require Council approval.

4. EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

- (a) Where an emergency or pending emergency exists, in the opinion of the Department Head, constituting imminent danger to life and/or property and to prevent the disruption of work or service to the public, the immediate procurement of commodities may be made by the Department Head;

- (b) Procurement of commodities shall be on the open market, at the lowest obtainable price, regardless of the amount of the expenditure;
 - (c) When such a purchase is made, the Department Head is required to file a report to council within five days.
5. DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES
- (a) Equipment or supplies shall be offered to other departments prior to item (b) being invoked;
 - (b) Equipment or supplies to be offered for sale must first be declared surplus by Resolution of Council upon the recommendation of the Department Head;
 - (c) Said equipment or supplies shall then be advertised as per Part IV 6 (a);
 - (d) Tenders shall be received and sale awarded as per Part V 1.
6. The Township will ensure this By-law and Supporting Policies and Procedures are made readily accessible to the public
7. This by-law repeals By-Law 2019-060

READ A FIRST & SECOND TIME THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2023

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL 2023

Jennifer Murphy, Mayor

Annette Gilchrist, CAO