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## LAGOON CITY PARKS AND WATERWAYS

### REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

### HARVESTED WEED ACCEPTANCE AND DISPOSAL

### RFQ # LC-01-2026

Please submit completed proposal in person, by mail in a sealed envelope or email to both [clerks@ramara.ca](mailto:clerks@ramara.ca) and [infrastructure@ramara.ca](mailto:infrastructure@ramara.ca) quoting the above RFQ number and closing date and forward to:

Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission  
The Corporation of the Township of Ramara  
P.O. Box 130  
2297 Highway 12  
Brechin, Ontario L0K 1B0

#### **CLOSING**

**DATE:** March 27, 2026

**TIME:** 12:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC OPENING:** No

**LOCATION:** Township of Ramara  
Administration Building  
2297 Highway 12  
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**LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject all or any quotations and the lowest or highest bid, as the case may be, will not necessarily be accepted.

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

### i. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to the interpretation of the Request for Quotation;

1. **“Bidder”** means a person or entity that is submitting a tender in response to the Tender Process.
2. **“Commission”** means the Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission.
3. **“Constructor”** means the successful person or company engaged in the construction business.
4. **“Contract”** means an agreement to be signed between the Owner and a successful bidder pursuant to the tender process.
5. **“Contractor”** means the successful bidder pursuant to the tender process that has extended a contract.
6. **“Contract Administrator”** means a person authorized or appointed by the Township to act on behalf of the Owner in any particular capacity.
7. **“Closing Time”** Time and Date of Tenders has the meaning ascribed thereto in section ii of these Instructions to Bidders.
8. **“L.C.P.W.C.”** means the Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission.
9. **“OPS”** means the current Ontario Provincial Standards published by the Ontario Standards organization.
10. **“Start Work Order”** means the document in writing, referred to in the tender, form that is issued by the Contract Administrator or the Engineer that authorizes the Contractor to begin the work.
11. **“Tender”** means the tender documents issued by the Owner in respect of a specific opportunity and also refers to the documents submitted by a bidder in response to this tender process.
12. **“Tender Documents”** means the documents listed in Section iii of these Instructions to Bidders.
13. **“Work”** means the work to be performed by a Contractor pursuant to a Contract issued as a result of this tender as described in the Contract Documents and includes, but is not limited to, the work generally described in Section 14 of these Instructions to Bidders.
14. **“Manager of Municipal Works”** means the Manager of Municipal Works of the Township of Ramara or such other person, partnership or corporation as may be authorized by the Council to act on their behalf in any particular capacity.
15. **“Township”** means the Corporation of the Township of Ramara.
16. **“Township Representative”** means any person authorized by the Township to act on its behalf for the purposes of this Contract.

## ii. GENERAL OVERVIEW

### 1. INTRODUCTION

To provide the Township of Ramara and/or Lagoon City Parks and Waterways with an approved site for harvested weed acceptance and disposal of cut aquatic plants Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASM) Category 1 from the Lagoon City canals and waterways.

### 2. FORM OF QUOTE

All quotations must be on the forms provided, clearly marked with "Harvested Weed Acceptance and Disposal"

### 3. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

All submissions to the Township become the property of the Township and such are subject to the "*Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.*"

### 4. BRIBERY/FRAUD

Should any bidder or any of their agents give or offer any gratuity or attempt to bribe any employee of the Township, or to commit fraud, the Township shall be at liberty to cancel the prospective bidder's submission or contract.

### 5. PURCHASING PREFERENCE

No preference will be given to any business for goods and/or services provided to the Township and/or Commission.

### 6. INSURANCE

The Successful bidder(s) shall maintain and pay for Comprehensive General Liability Insurance with an insurer acceptable to the Township. The coverage shall include premises and all operations liability to be performed by the bidder. This insurance coverage shall be subject to limits of not less than **Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)** inclusive **per occurrence** for bodily injury, death and damage to property including loss of use thereof for any one occurrence.

The policy shall include **the Corporation of the Township of Ramara and the Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission** as an additional insured in respect of all operations performed by or on behalf of the Bidder.

The Bidder(s) shall be entirely responsible for the cost of any deductible that is maintained in any insurance document.

The Insurance Policy shall not be altered, canceled or allowed to expire or lapse, without thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Township.

The Liability Insurance shall not contain any exclusion of limitations in respect of shoring, underpinning, rising or demolition of any building or structure, pile driving, caisson work, collapse of any structure or land from any cause.

Where applicable the bidder(s) shall carry standard automobile and non-owned automobile liability insurance and shall protect them against all liability arising out of the use of owned or leased vehicles, used by the Bidder(s), its employees or agents. The limits of the liability for both owned and non-owned vehicles shall not be less than **Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00)** per occurrence.

## **7. WORKPLACE SAFETY AND INSURANCE BOARD (WSIB)**

The successful bidder(s) shall supply a Certificate from the WSIB prior to the start of the contract indicating that all of the assessments the bidder(s) or subcontractor(s) is liable to pay under *Workplace Safety Insurance Board Act* or successor legislation have been paid and they are in good standing with the Board.

Effective January 1, 2013, Bill 119 legislates that all Contractors and Sub-Contractors categorized under class G: construction, shall have WSIB account and clearance coverage prior to commencing any contract.

Alternatively, if the successful Bidder(s) is an Independent Operator and is not categorized under Class G: Construction, the Bidder(s) shall submit a letter, from the WSIB, confirming that s/he has Independent Operator Status under the WSIB Act for work to be carried out for the Township. If the Bidder(s) does not have Independent Operator Status, the Bidder shall;

- I. Complete an Independent Operator Status Questionnaire upon being awarded the contract; and,
- II. Fund all costs associated with any appeal of a determination by WSIB that the Bidder is not an Independent Operator; and,
- III. Provide proof of Employer's Liability Insurance (provided either by WSIB or the Contractor's insurance provider.

The Bidder(s) acknowledges and agrees that the Township is not hiring an employee(s) to perform the work associated with this Tender. As such the Township reserves the right to terminate all Contracts associated with this Tender if all appeals have been exhausted and the bidder(s) are determined by WSIB or court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be an employee. Any and all monies to be paid to the bidder(s) shall be returned regardless of the extent of work that has been completed to that point, and all material and documents associated with the Tender, as well as Township property, shall be returned to the Township. The bidder(s) acknowledges and agrees that any work completed to the date the appeal process has been completed, and an unfavorable determination is made will be provided to the Township for free and without any expectation of compensation. The risk associated with completing any work while there is an appeal process underway is entirely born by the bidder(s).

## **8. TRAFFIC CONTROL**

Not Applicable

## **9. UNDERGROUND LOCATES**

Not Applicable

## **10. ACCESSIBILITY**

The Bidder(s) shall comply with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)* and all applicable regulations, including the *Integrated Accessibility Standards*

*Regulation*, O. Reg. 191/11, as amended. The Bidder(s) shall ensure that its employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives receive accessibility training required under the AODA and its regulations, including training on providing goods and services to persons with disabilities. The Bidder(s) acknowledges that the Corporation of the Township of Ramara, when procuring goods or services, is required to consider accessibility for persons with disabilities where practicable.

## **11. HEALTH & SAFETY**

All work performed under this contract must be carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), applicable Regulations, applicable standards, and other applicable legal requirements.

Unless otherwise stated, the successful bidder, for the purposes of the OHSA, shall be designated as the 'Constructor' for this project. The constructor has complete control of the work on behalf of the Township and is responsible for regulatory compliance and safe work procedures on the job site.

Any requirement for a Notice of Project to be submitted to the Ministry of Labour (MOL) is the sole responsibility of the constructor.

The Constructor further acknowledges and agrees that any breach or breaches of the OHSA, applicable Regulations, Standards, *Environmental Protection Act* (EPA), other legal requirements, and/or their own Health & Safety Policies and Procedures whether by the Constructor or any of its subcontractors may result in:

- The termination of the contract,
- The immediate removal of the Constructor and/or sub-contractor's equipment from the site,
- The forfeiture of all sums owing the constructor/or sub-contractor by the Township.

The Constructor's health and safety responsibilities will include the following:

- where hazardous materials, physical agents and/or designated substances are used in the performance of the required work, the successful bidder shall ensure that the requirements of the OHSA, applicable Regulations and environmental requirements are complied with,
- ensure workers are aware of the hazardous substances that may be in used at the workplace,
- ensure workers are provided with and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment required for the area when engineering controls aren't practicable,
- demonstrate the establishment and maintenance of health and safety program, with objectives and standards and will provide qualified workers and meet all applicable legislation,
- The Constructor acknowledges that they are familiar with the OHSA, applicable Regulations, applicable Standards and other legal requirements that applies to the work being conducted,
- The Contractor covenants and agrees to observe strictly and faithfully the provisions of the OHSA, applicable Regulations, and rules circulated there under together with the Constructor's Health and Safety Policies and Procedures.
- The Constructor agrees to indemnify and save the Township harmless for damages or fines arising from any breach or breaches of the said OHSA and other applicable legal requirements.

- The Constructor agrees to have a competent supervisor on site at all times when work is in progress, and that this supervisor enforces safe work practices.
- The Constructor shall allow access to the work site on demand to representatives of the Township to inspect work sites.
- The Constructor agrees that any damages or fines that may be assessed against the Township by reason of a breach or breaches of the OHSA and applicable Regulations by the Constructor or any of its sub-contractors will entitle the Township of Ramara to off-set the damages so assessed against any monies that the Township of Ramara may from time to time owe the Constructor under this contract or under any other contract whatsoever.
- Where any portion of the work or services in this Contract is contracted to a sub-contractor, the Constructor agrees that the provisions of this section (**11. Health & Safety**) will apply to the subcontractor and the Constructor will enforce said provisions.
- The Township may consider previous OHSA violations as grounds for rejection and the Township may terminate any contract arising from this document if the Bidder is continuously in violation of OHSA requirements.

Proof of the above may be required by the Township at any time from tendering to project completion.

## 12. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

The successful Bidder(s) shall not assign transfer, convoy, sublet or otherwise dispose of this contract or his/her right, title or interest therein, or his/her power to execute such contract, to any other person, company or City, without the previous consent, in writing, of the Township's officials, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

## 13. SPECIFICATIONS

The following specifications represent the minimum requirements for providing the Township of Ramara and/or Lagoon City Parks and Waterways with an approved site for the acceptance and disposal of harvested aquatic vegetation. The material consists of cut aquatic plants classified as Non-Agricultural Source Material (NASM) Category 1, collected from the Lagoon City canals and waterways.

- a. The Location must be approved to receive (solid non-hazardous waste) NASM Category 1 material under the Nutrient Management Act and must be able to meet all requirements for NASM under Ontario Regulation 267/03.
- b. The equipment being used to deliver the harvested aquatic weeds will be a forty cubic yard waste bin and a triaxle truck and the site must be able to receive such equipment and have an adequate access to the location and space for unloading and the ability to exit the site safely.
- c. The amount of material to be hauled will depend on weed growth, water levels, and weather. Typical average loads per day are 1 but may increase to 2 during peak times. One will be delivered in the morning and the second if required will be in the afternoon. The expected loads to be delivered to site during the 2026 season is 50.
- d. The typical season for aquatic plant harvesting is July 1st through to Thanksgiving, the season is greatly affected by weather and could have rapid or delayed growth, the estimated start date is July 2 and estimated end date is October 9.
- e. The site location address shall be provided with this submission, and
- f. The offloading site must be located within a 45-minute driving distance from Lagoon City, as completing a second load during peak times is imperative.

- g. The Township of Ramara reserves the right to inspect the location that will be receiving the harvested weeds to ensure the requirements set out in this section will be met.

**14. DAMAGE BY VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT**

If at any time, in the opinion of the Township or its designated representative, damage is being done or is likely to be done to any highway or any improvement thereon by the Contractor’s vehicles or equipment, the Contractor shall, at its own expense and upon direction from the Township, make changes or substitutions to such vehicles or equipment, alter loadings, or otherwise remove the cause of such damage to the satisfaction of the Township, including re- routing haul routes.

**15. LOADING OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

Where a vehicle is hauling material for the use on the specified work, in whole or in part upon a public highway and where motor vehicle registration is required for such vehicle, the contractor shall not cause or permit such vehicle to be loaded beyond its legal limit as specified in the *Highway Traffic Act*, whether such vehicle is registered in the name of the contractor or otherwise.

**16. AWARD OF QUOTATION**

The award of the tender will take the following into consideration:

- a. Expertise;
- b. Access to equipment possessing the required safety devices to conform to all regulations
- c. Availability;
- d. Reliability;
- e. Past Performance; and,
- f. Price.

**17. HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT**

The Bidder(s) of any equipment being used under hire by the Township shall be responsible to ensure the equipment is in full compliance with all statutes and regulations under the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

**18. PRICING AND PAYMENT**

Payment at the contract price shall be compensation in full for the supply of all labor and equipment necessary to complete the work to the satisfaction of the Commission. Payment at the quoted price shall be paid upon submission of invoice after completion.

**19. HOURS OF WORK**

Hauling will take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. There may be additional hours due to the growth rate of the aquatic plants during the season and is the discretion of the Commission, or their designate.

**20. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF LOADS**

The following information outlines the approximate number of 40 cubic yard bins (not full) removed from Lagoon City and delivered to the dump site during the following seasons:

2025	60
2024	50

## 21. TERM OF QUOTATION

The term of this quotation will be for the 2026 Aquatic Weed harvesting season, as outlined in Section 13. Hauling shall begin on or around the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2026 and cease on or around October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

## 22. QUALIFICATIONS

The successful Bidder shall be a company of recognized standing at least three (3) years' experience in this type of work and have the necessary equipment and skilled labor to carry out the work adequately.

## 23. CONDITIONS

The Contractor has carefully examined the provisions, specifications and conditions attached to this quotation and has carefully examined the site and location of the work to be done and the Contractor understands and accepts the said provisions, specifications and conditions and, for the prices set forth in this tender, hereby offers to furnish all equipment, labour and other means of construction, furnish all materials except as otherwise specified and to complete work in strict accordance with the provisions, specifications and conditions attached to this quotation.

It is agreed that the quoted start and finish dates are estimates only and may be increased or decreased by the Township and/or the Commission without alteration of the quoted price.

The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject all or any quotations and the lowest or highest bid, as the case may be, will not necessarily be accepted.

## 24. SUBMISSION FORMAT & CONTENTS

### 24.1 General Format of Submission

The Township and/or the Commission **will not** accept any other format of the schedule I Items Prices other than that provided within this Request for Quotation. Schedule I Items and Prices are to be completed **in full** as provided in this document with no modifications, additions or deletions. **Failure to complete Schedule I as stipulated may result in disqualification of the bid submission.**

### 24.2 Contents of Submission

The Request for Quotation response submission should include the following information only and shall be submitted in the same sequence provided:

- I. **Completed Bidder Information Form**
- II. **Provide all mandatory information as requested within Schedule I**
- III. **Ensure Schedule I is initialed and dated.**
- IV. **Completed Schedule II – Ability and Experience Form.**
- V. **Provide a completed Declaration of Accessibility Compliance Form.**

### iii. QUOTATION DOCUMENTS

#### Quotation Form

Lagoon City Parks and Waterways Commission

Harvested Weed Acceptance and Disposal

Documents to be enclosed with this form including but not limited to:

- Bidder Information Form
- Schedule I – Items and Prices
- Schedule II – Ability and Experience Form
- Declaration of Accessibility Compliance Form

## 25. BIDDER INFORMATION FORM

**BIDDERS MUST COMPLETE THIS FORM AND INCLUDE WITH THEIR SUBMISSION  
PLEASE ENSURE ALL INFORMATION IS LEGIBLE.**

<b>Company Name</b>	
<b>Contact Name</b>	
<b>Address (Including postal code)</b>	
<b>Office Phone #</b>	
<b>Toll Free#</b>	
<b>Cellular#</b>	
<b>Fax#</b>	
<b>E-Mail Address</b>	
<b>Website</b>	
<b>HST Account #</b>	

**I CERTIFY THAT ALL PRICES IN SCHEDULE I CONSTITUTE THE OFFICAL QUOTATION BID**

**NAME:**

\_\_\_\_\_

(PRINT)

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:**

\_\_\_\_\_

## 26. SCHEDULE I – ITEMS AND PRICES

The total bid price shall be all inclusive with H.S.T. extra

Any modifications of this form will result in the bid being disqualified. This form must be completed in full.

Item No.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ESTIMATED QUANTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1	Per Load Delivered to Disposal Site	Each	50	\$ _____	\$ _____
2	Per Load Over Estimated Quanty	Each	1	\$ _____	\$ _____

Dump site location address: \_\_\_\_\_

Quotation price shall be good for the entire 2026 harvesting season.

## 27. SCHEDULE II – ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE FORM

The Bidder shall provide below three (3) separate customers **other than the Township** having purchased a similar size and design of goods and/or services as specified herein for a previous three (3) year period from the issuance of this document.

<b>REFERENCE #1</b>	
Customer	
Contact Name & Phone Number	
Date of Purchase	
Description of Goods or Services Provided	
<b>REFERENCE #2</b>	
Customer	
Contact Name & Phone Number	
Date of Purchase	
Description of Goods or Services Provided	
<b>REFERENCE #3</b>	
Customer	
Contact Name & Phone Number	
Date of Purchase	
Description of Goods or Services Provided	

### REFERENCE RELEASE FORM

I \_\_\_\_\_ (authorized signatory for the submitting firm) authorize the Township to contact the person and/or organization listed on the ABILITY & EXPERIENCE FORM, for the purpose of obtaining information relating to the bidder

The Township reserves the right to call references if in its sole discretion finds a need to do so.

The Township reserves the right to check other references other than listed herein.

## 28. DECLARATION OF ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE FORM

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I am required to comply with the accessibility requirements set out in the Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation (Ontario Regulation 191/11) made under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. I confirm that my employees, agents, volunteers and representatives who are required to receive training under the Act have completed the required. I will provide to The Corporation of the Township of Ramara any further documentation that confirms this training upon its request.

I will indemnify the Corporation of the Township of Ramara from and against any costs, expenses, fines, penalties, damages or losses that may arise or may be incurred as a result of my failure to comply with these requirements.

I declare that I have read, understood and will meet all enacted accessibility standards as amended from time to time.

I further declare that if applicable I will undertake to ensure any sub-contractors hired by

\_\_\_\_\_ (insert company name) for the completion of work contracted by the Township of Ramara will also comply with the above requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature  
I have authority to bind the corporation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date