

**APRIL 23, 2026**

**COUNCIL REPORT**

**REPORT NO. CC-016-2026**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. PW-2026- 07 LEEDER BRIDGE REHABILITATION**

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MANAGER OF ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS  
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**THAT** Council award Contract No. PW-2026-07 for the Leeder Bridge Rehabilitation to Safa Builders & Contractors in the amount of \$672,264.00 (excluding HST);

**THAT** Council authorize the implementation of temporary lane closures and bidirectional traffic diversion on County Road 5 to allow for the staged construction of the Leeder Bridge; and

**THAT** the necessary by-laws be prepared to formalize these capital realignments and contract awards.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The approved 2026 Public Works Capital Budget allocated \$470,000.00 for the Leeder Bridge Rehabilitation. The lowest compliant bid received for Contract PW-2026-07 is \$672,264.00. When factoring in the non-rebateable Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) of 1.76%, the total project cost is \$684,095.85, resulting in a budget shortfall of \$214,095.85.

This budget variance is driven primarily by mandatory road construction, traffic staging, and roadside safety upgrades required to bring the County Road 5 corridor up to current provincial standards. Traffic management, guide rail systems, and road restoration account for approximately 58% of the base bid, while the structural concrete work on the bridge itself accounts for approximately 29%.

To fund this shortfall, savings from the 2026 approved Pitt Bridge capital project can be utilized as this project has estimated savings of \$275,000.

The proposed reallocation to cover the Leeder Bridge construction shortfall and the associated engineering contract administration is detailed below:

Financial Component	Amount
Approved 2026 Capital Budget	\$470,000.00
Lowest Compliant Bid (Safa Builders)	\$672,264.00
Non-Rebateable HST (1.76%)	\$11,831.85
Contract Administration	\$12,308.89
Total Project Cost	\$696,404.74
Identified Capital Shortfall	\$226,404.74

### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

This rehabilitation advances Goal 1.1: "Improve the condition of County roads" by addressing documented structural deficiencies and upgrading roadside safety hardware to current provincial standards.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

The rehabilitation utilizes sustainable construction practices designed to minimize the project's overall carbon footprint. Specifically, the removal of the old asphalt pavement incorporates modern recycling protocols, allowing milled material to be repurposed. This directly reduces the need for virgin aggregate extraction and eliminates the greenhouse gas emissions associated with manufacturing and transporting new materials to the site. Beyond emissions reductions, modernizing the structure improves the corridor's long-term resilience against extreme weather events and heavy rainfall.

### **ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS**

This project significantly elevates corridor safety and accessibility. Outdated timber and cable guide rails will be completely replaced with modern Single Rail Steel Beam Guide Rail (SBGR) and crash-tested Energy Attenuating Terminals (SBEAT) to meet contemporary vehicular safety standards.

### **COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS**

To facilitate construction, County Road 5 will be restricted to a single lane controlled by automated portable traffic signals for approximately four months. Advanced warning signage will be erected, direct notifications will be issued to emergency services and school bus consortiums, and real-time traffic impacts will be broadcast via Municipal 511.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Leeder Bridge is located on County Road 5, north of Mallorytown. Routine structural inspections identified accelerating concrete deficiencies that would eventually compromise the bridge's load-carrying capacity if left unaddressed.

Request for Tender No. PW-2026-07 closed on March 23, 2026, yielding five compliant bids:

Vendor	City/Province	Bid Amount (Excl. HST)
Safa Builders & Contractors	Markham, ON	\$672,264.00
KB Civil Constructors Inc.	North York, ON	\$683,206.34
Orin Contractors Corp	Concord, ON	\$799,987.70
Clearwater Structures Inc.	Bowmanville, ON	\$858,782.80
2274084 Ontario Ltd o/a GMP Contracting	Stouffville, ON	\$1,106,100.58

## **DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES**

Staff recommend awarding the contract to Safa Builders & Contractors. The tight clustering of the lowest bids confirms the pricing reflects true market value given the complex staging constraints.

Delaying the project presents an escalating public safety risk and would exponentially increase future costs as moisture and chloride ingress accelerate. Re-tendering would only introduce schedule delays and risk even higher bids due to ongoing civil construction inflation.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

N/A

The report set out above has been reviewed and the information verified by the individuals listed below.

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**MANAGER OF ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS**

**APRIL 5, 2026**  
**DATE**

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**APRIL 9, 2026**  
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**KATIE CLARKE**  
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**APRIL 13, 2026**  
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**APRIL 14, 2026**  
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