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Memorandum

CWCD 2026-231

Subject: Summary of Active Bid Solicitations

Date: Friday, October 16, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Bart Menage, Director, Procurement Services

Please be advised that the Bid Solicitations included in Appendix 1 are currently active.

As per the Procurement By-law 2025-57, section 19. Reporting, item 19.1 The Director, Procurement Services shall:

(a) report to Council on a weekly basis via Councillor Weekly Correspondence Distribution:

(i) a summary of active Bid Solicitations.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Bart Menage
Director, Procurement Services

Appendices

Appendix 1 Summary of Active Bid Solicitations

Bid Number	Name	Closing Date
2026-RFSQ-136	Roster for Election Compliance Auditors	October 16, 2026
2026-RFP-156	2026 Internal Audit - Competitive and Non-competitive Procurement	October 21, 2026
2026-RFP-157	Temporary Clerical Administrative Staffing Services and Police Clearance	October 22, 2026
2026-T-150	Fort Erie Childcare HVAC Upgrades	October 26, 2026
2026-Q-168	Collection and Processing of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) from Regional Landfill Sites and Eligible Multi-Residential Buildings	October 27, 2026
2026-RFP-116	Pest Control Services on behalf of NPPC	October 28, 2026
2026-Q-145	Geotechnical, Hydrogeological, Excess Soils Management For the Lister Road Gravity Sewer Detailed Design	October 29, 2026
2026-RFSQ-139	Public Works Roster for Consultancy Services 2027, 2028, and 2029	October 29, 2026
2026-RFI-172	Business Continuity Software-Hosted in Canada for the Niagara Regional Police Service	November 02, 2026
2026-RFP-163	Freedom of Information (FOI) Software for the Niagara Regional Police Service	November 02, 2026
2026-RFP-169	Feasibility Study to Redirect Flow from Port Weller WWTP to Port Dalhousie WWTP	November 03, 2026
2026-T-155	Long term care Home Handrail Replacement & IPAC Compliance Project	November 03, 2026
2026-RFP-39	Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Consultancy Services for the Glenridge Avenue CNR Bridge Replacement Project	November 10, 2026
2026-T-135	200 Division St SAEO Amalgamation Renovation Project	November 12, 2026

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-232

Subject: Contract Amendments with a Total Cumulative Increase Over \$500,000

Date: Friday, October 16, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Bart Menage, Director, Procurement Services

Appendix 1 details Contract Amendments between July 1, 2026 and September 30, 2026 with Total Cumulative Increase over \$500,000 (excluding VAT).

As per the Procurement By-law 2025-57, section 19. Reporting, item 19.1 The Director, Procurement Services shall:

(a) report to Council on a weekly basis via Councillor Weekly Correspondence Distribution:

(ii) all Contract Amendments made to a Contract pursuant to Section 23 where the Total Cumulative Increase of all such Contract Amendments exceeds \$500,000 (excluding VAT).

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Bart Menage
Director, Procurement Services

Appendices

Appendix 1 Contract Amendments with a Total Cumulative Increase Over \$500,000

Appendix 1: Contract Amendments with a Total Cumulative Increase Over \$500,000

CWCD 2026-232

July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026

Contract Amendments

Stantec Consulting Ltd.: 2023-RFP-176 South Niagara Falls WWTP - RFP Detailed Engineering

REGION DEPARTMENT ¹	ORIGINAL PO DATE	PO LAST CHANGED	PO #	ORIGINAL PO VALUE ²	CURRENT PO VALUE ²	PO TOTAL CUMULATIVE INCREASE
Public Works	2024-05-15	2026-09-03	135065	\$11,165,658.27	\$11,684,683.77	\$519,025.50

The original purchase underwent a competitive procurement process (2023-RFP-176) for detailed design engineering services for the New South Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant (20000724). The increase is to maintain sufficient design contingency to manage unforeseen design risks and required scope adjustments through completion of the design and tender package, while maintaining project progress and schedule. Approved by Council Report PW 10-2024.

Kerry T Howe Engineering Limited: 2021-RFP-105 - York Road Watermain Replacement - Design RFP

REGION DEPARTMENT ¹	ORIGINAL PO DATE	PO LAST CHANGED	PO #	ORIGINAL PO VALUE ²	CURRENT PO VALUE ²	PO TOTAL CUMULATIVE INCREASE
Public Works	2021-07-15	2026-07-10	94063	\$93,865.50	\$668,509.85	\$574,644.35

The original purchase underwent a competitive procurement process (2021-RFP-105) for the York Road Watermain Replacement Project. Increases were to award provisional items for contract administration and inspection, additional design work due to new finding and revised scope, and additional contract & administration services associated with the construction portion of the project.

UrbanLink Civil Ltd.: 2024-T-48 RR34 Seventh Street Bridge Rehab

REGION DEPARTMENT ¹	ORIGINAL PO DATE	PO LAST CHANGED	PO #	ORIGINAL PO VALUE ²	CURRENT PO VALUE ²	PO TOTAL CUMULATIVE INCREASE
Public Works	2024-10-11	2026-08-10	140575	\$3,015,000.00	\$3,633,922.12	\$618,922.12

The original purchase underwent a competitive procurement process (2024-T-48) for RR34 (Seventh St Louth) Structure No. 034205 Rehabilitation in the City of St. Catharines (CN Mile 14.54-14.47 Grimsby Subdivision). Increases were required due to scope changes.

Appendix 1: Contract Amendments with a Total Cumulative Increase Over \$500,000**CWCD 2026-232****July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026**

Associated Engineering (Ont.) Ltd.: 2018-RFP-84 Regional Road 49 (McLeod Road) between Hydro Electric Power Canal and Wilson Crescent - Detailed Design Construction Administration and Inspection Services

REGION DEPARTMENT ¹	ORIGINAL PO DATE	PO LAST CHANGED	PO #	ORIGINAL PO VALUE ²	CURRENT PO VALUE ²	PO TOTAL CUMULATIVE INCREASE
Public Works	2019-03-11	2026-08-04	56146	\$315,895.00	\$1,340,175.55	\$1,024,280.55

The original purchase underwent a competitive procurement process (2018-RFP-84) for detailed design and tendering of the preferred design identified in the Class EA for McLeod Road between the Hydro Electric Power Canal and Wilson Crescent. Increases were for additional design changes, rate increases due to the length of the project, and the award of CA&I.

Kingdom Construction: 2024-T-220 Seaway Wastewater Treatment Plant Influent Channel Upgrade

REGION DEPARTMENT ¹	ORIGINAL PO DATE	PO LAST CHANGED	PO #	ORIGINAL PO VALUE ²	CURRENT PO VALUE ²	PO TOTAL CUMULATIVE INCREASE
Public Works	2025-01-07	2026-09-07	145524	\$6,738,733.94	\$10,464,431.94	\$3,725,698.00

The original purchase underwent a competitive procurement process (2024-T-220) for the Seaway WWTP Influent Channel Upgrade Project. The increase is for additional funding to cover costs associated with the negotiated change order over a disputed shoring scope, associated delay claim, the additional and anticipated project costs, and necessary contingency replenishment. Approved by Council Report PW 23-2024 and PWC-C 11-2026.

MMM Inc. MMM Architects: 2018-RFP-33 - Master Site Plan Development, Program & Scope Development, Schematic Design

REGION DEPARTMENT ¹	ORIGINAL PO DATE	PO LAST CHANGED	PO #	ORIGINAL PO VALUE ²	CURRENT PO VALUE ²	PO TOTAL CUMULATIVE INCREASE
Corporate Services	2019-01-17	2026-08-06	53674	\$1,409,844.00	\$6,492,917.25	\$5,083,073.25

The original purchase underwent a competitive procurement process (2018-RFP-33) for Architectural Services (Phase 1 - Planning, Development and Schematic) for the Long-Term Care Redevelopment Project. Increases are for additional design services and contract administration services required due to extended construction duration. Approved by Council Report CSD 45-2021.

Appendix 1: Contract Amendments with a Total Cumulative Increase Over \$500,000**CWCD 2026-232****July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026****Contract Extensions & Increases**

HISTORICAL CONTRACT TERM	CURRENT EXTENSION TERM	PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	REGION DEPARTMENT¹	TOTAL CUMULATIVE INCREASE	SUPPLIER
2023-08-30 to 2026-08-31	2026-09-01 to 2027-08-31	2023-RFP-17	LTC Juice	Community Services	\$504,418.30	Fruitful Juice Products
2025-07-01 to 2026-06-30	2026-07-01 to 2027-06-30	2025-RFP-22	Comm. Services Medical Supply	Community Services	\$960,400.00	Medline Canada Corporation
2022-08-01 to 2026-07-31	2026-08-01 to 2027-07-31	2022-T-20	EMS Pharmaceuticals	Public Health & Emergency Services	\$2,055,068.22	Silver Scripts Inc.
2022-09-29 to 2026-09-30	2026-10-01 to 2027-09-30	NPPC-NPC- RFP-07-2022	Catch Basin Cleaning Services	Public Works	\$1,160,000.00	Bob Robinson & Son Construction
2023-10-01 to 2026-09-30	2026-10-01 to 2029-09-30	2023-T-37	Enviro Analytical Lab Services	Public Works	\$514,403.20	Testmark Laboratories Ltd.
2025-04-07 to 2026-03-31	2026-04-01 to 2027-03-31	2025-T-17	2025 Pavement Marking Program	Public Works	\$737,881.31	McGuinness Coatings Ltd.
2025-09-17 to 2026-08-14	2026-08-15 to 2027-08-14	2024-RFP-227	Vacuum Truck Services	Public Works	\$920,000.00	Wessuc Inc
2025-10-15 to 2026-10-14	2026-10-15 to 2027-10-14	2025-T-157	Winter Maintenance- WWW	Public Works	\$744,345.00	Total Land Care Services

NOTES

¹NRPS, NRH and NTC are not included in the datasets outlined herein as these agencies operated under their own Procurement By-law and/or Governing Bodies

²PO Values are Pre-Tax

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-233

Subject: All Planned Procurements Having a Budget Exceeding \$10,000,000

Date: Friday, October 16, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Bart Menage, Director, Procurement Services

Please be advised that the following Planned Procurements have a budget exceeding \$10,000,000 (excluding VAT):

- 2026-RFP-165 Transport and Beneficial Reuse of Dewatered Municipal Water-Wastewater Biosolids.

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(ii) all Planned Procurements having a budget exceeding \$10,000,000 (excluding VAT).

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Bart Menage
Director, Procurement Services

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-234

Subject: Red Light Camera Program Update – Amendment 3

Date: Friday, October 16, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Scott Fraser, P.Eng., Associate Director Corridor Management

This memorandum provides Council with updates on two topics related to the Region's Red Light Camera (RLC) Program: a planned extension of the RLC vendor agreement and the execution of Amendment 3 to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (NRCIMA).

RLC Vendor Contract Extension

The Region's 10 RLCs are installed, operated, and maintained through a shared procurement led by the City of Toronto on behalf of participating Ontario municipalities. The Region's participation in this joint arrangement supports coordinated service delivery, access to Toronto's Joint Processing Centre, and cost efficiencies associated with economies of scale.

The current RLC vendor contract was established with an initial 26-month term at an upset limit in the amount of \$851,360.83 (including 13% HST), followed by a contemplated 24-month renewal term at an upset limit in the amount of \$983,843.61 (including 13% HST), with a combined lifecycle scheduled to expire in July 2027. The Region has recently been advised that the Toronto-led replacement Request for Proposal (RFP) for this contract has been delayed. To maintain uninterrupted RLC operations while the future competitive procurement is completed, an approximately one-year bridge extension with the current vendor to July 2028 has been arranged.

Transportation Services staff intend to participate in the bridge extension to maintain continuity of the Region's RLC Program and preserve the benefits of participating in the shared procurement model.

This extension is within existing staff authority as the RLC vendor contract costs have remained below the estimates originally approved by Council via Report [PW 11-2023](https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=16e110c9-712b-4fbe-9436-07c97c48c1ab&Agenda=Merged&lang=English&Item=12&Tab=attachments) (<https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=16e110c9-712b-4fbe-9436-07c97c48c1ab&Agenda=Merged&lang=English&Item=12&Tab=attachments>).

The Region's vendor contract cost-to-date is \$612,452.78 (including 13% HST) (2023 to present), and the estimated vendor contract cost of the approximately one-year bridge extension is \$160,417.52 (including 13% HST).

Staff will return to Council during the next term with recommended next steps once the future Toronto-led RFP has been completed. That process will provide the appropriate opportunity to consider any potential changes to the RLC Program.

NRCIMA Amendment 3 Approval

Regional Council approved NRCIMA Amendment 3, subject to approval by all 12 local area municipalities, through Report [PW 10-2026](https://pub-niagararegion.escibemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=24f3380b-95fa-4d2e-861a-528ff732112e&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=14&Tab=attachments) (<https://pub-niagararegion.escibemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=24f3380b-95fa-4d2e-861a-528ff732112e&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=14&Tab=attachments>).

The required local area municipality approvals were sought and obtained through Q2-Q3 2026. Amendment 3 was fully executed in September 2026.

Amendment 3 extends the existing NRCIMA provisions supporting the RLC Program to September 2029. Amendment 3 maintained the existing RLC cost and revenue-sharing framework between the Region and local area municipalities. Net fines, if realized, must continue to be reinvested in road safety initiatives.

Respectfully submitted and signed by,

Scott Fraser, P.Eng.
Associate Director, Corridor Management

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-235

Subject: Recipients of Building Safer Communities Grant Program

Date: Friday, October 16, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Sandy Dupuis, Associate Director, Community Strategies and Priorities

This memo is to provide information regarding the Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF) Grant Program.

Background

The BSCF is a federal initiative, administered through Public Safety Canada, that provides funding to municipalities to support community-based prevention and intervention efforts for children, youth and young adults who may be at elevated risk of involvement in crime, victimization, violence, or exploitation. In 2023, Niagara was a recipient in the funding program and was able to fund nine local initiatives from January 2024 to December 2025.

With continued federal BSCF program funding, Niagara Region will launch a community grant process to support eligible local community-based programs. This funding is designed to support the implementation of Niagara's local Strong Futures: A Community-Based Youth Crime Prevention Strategy (2026–2029). Strong Futures is Niagara Region's refreshed youth crime prevention strategy, formerly Niagara Region Guns and Gangs Prevention Strategy.

The strategy takes a strengths-based, upstream prevention approach focused on improving youth well-being, reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors. This work aligns with Niagara's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Building Safer Communities Grant Program

The BSCF grant program will continue to fund eligible community-based organizations delivering evidence-based crime prevention programming for children, youth and young adults aged 6 to 26.

The Grant Program will support programs that:

- Align with one or more priority areas identified in Youth Crime Prevention strategy
- Increase protective factors and/or reduce risk factors associated with youth involvement in crime or victimization
- Use trauma-informed, equitable and inclusive approaches
- Prioritize children, youth and young adults experiencing medium or high levels of need

Grant Intake and Funding Period

The grant intake will open the week of October 19, 2026, and applications will be due by 4:30 p.m. on November 13, 2026.

Eligible organizations may request funding for approximately two years, subject to annual funding availability, program requirements and evaluation of key performance indicators. For more information about BSCF, visit the Niagara Region website for more information.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Sandy Dupuis
Associate Director, Community Strategies and Priorities



234-2026-3784

October 6, 2026

Dear Head of Council,

As you know, the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026* (the Act) changed the composition of Niagara Regional Council from 32 members to 13 members, effective with the 2026-2030 term of council starting November 15, 2026. Under this structure, council will consist of the heads of council of each of Niagara's 12 lower-tier municipalities, plus the appointed Regional Chair.

The Act also provides the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing with regulation making authority to create weighted voting rules for upper-tier municipalities. To support a clear transition and effective local representation under the restructured council, the Ministry has posted a proposal on the [Ontario Regulatory Registry](#) outlining the contents of a potential weighted voting regulation for Niagara Region.

The proposed regulation responds to feedback received from Niagara Region municipalities through my office. In addition, as requested, the posting clarifies how weighted voting interacts with decision-making thresholds under the Strong Mayor framework. These changes, if made, would come into effect on November 15, 2026.

I encourage you and your council to review the proposal and provide feedback directly through the registry. The consultation is open for 30 days, closing on November 5, 2026. Ministry officials will also be reaching out to senior officials at Niagara Region to seek feedback and support local implementation efforts as needed.

The government remains committed to collaborating with municipal partners support effective local governance and deliver on shared priorities for housing and economic growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal and Housing Operations Division
Municipal Chief Administrative Officer¹²
Municipal Clerk



October 15, 2026



New Councillor Day at ROMA Conference

Coming to Toronto for the ROMA conference? Come a day early!

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Congratulations to LAS partner Canoe!

LAS program partner [Canoe Procurement Group](#) recently won the 2026 Achievement in Excellence in Procurement Award. Canoe supports over 6,000 public and not-for-profit organizations across Canada.

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Since 2024, AMO has proudly supported Civic Ontario's Maureen McCauley Bursary Program for supports pursuing careers in municipal government. [Learn more about the program and this year's recipients here.](#)

2026 Western Ontario Municipal Conference in Guelph

Registration is now open for the 2026 [Western Ontario Municipal Conference \(WOMC\)](#), taking place October 16, 2026, at the Delta Guelph Conference Centre in Guelph. Featuring keynote speaker, the Hon. Bob Rae, alongside programming focused on municipal leadership, emerging priorities, and opportunities facing communities across Western Ontario.

Canadian Infrastructure Leadership Academy

The University of Toronto is launching a new program designed to provide participants with the leadership, commercial and community engagement capacity to help raise the bar for major project delivery nationwide. There will be an information session on October 22 from 12-1pm. [Click here to learn more.](#)

ORFA Symposium 2026: Rec Facilities Emergency Management

Strengthen your recreation facility's emergency readiness through two days of expert-led sessions, case studies, and practical learning designed specifically for recreation facility professionals and leaders. [Register here for this hybrid event](#) - Oct 26-27.

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