



# City of New Westminster

## Report to Council

**To:** New Westminster City Council  
in Regular Council

**Meeting Date:** October 6, 2025

**From:** Lisa Leblanc, Director, Engineering  
& Deputy Chief Administrative  
Officer

**Report No.:** 2025-284

Shehzad Somji, Director, Finance

**Re:** **Fenton Streetscape Project – Sole Sourcing of Eagle Valley Excavating**

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### Staff Recommendation

*THAT a competitive purchasing exemption sole source in the amount of \$551,932.62 to Eagle Valley Excavating Inc., as presented in the staff report titled “Fenton Street Streetscape Project – Sole Sourcing of Eagle Valley Excavating” dated October 6, 2025 from the Director, Engineering and Deputy CAO and Director, Finance, be approved.*

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### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the Fenton Street Streetscape Project, including a summary of the request for a purchasing exemption to sole source the services of Eagle Valley Excavating for the replacement of culverts in the 300 block of Fenton Street. This work is intended to improve drainage and address ongoing flooding concerns before the rainy season.

### Executive Summary

The design for the short-term actions, as presented to Council in the report titled “Fenton Street Streetscape and Drainage Improvement Project – Community Engagement Results and Feedback” on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, has now been completed. These short-term actions include the lowering of 15 perched culverts, along with the lowering of the ditch elevation levels, in an effort to remove impediments that create barriers for the flow of storm water through the ditches and mitigate flooding concerns.

## Background

In the Council meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 where the report titled “Fenton Street Streetscape and Drainage Improvement Project – Community Engagement Results and Feedback” was approved, staff recommended the following:

1. Engineering staff will hire a contractor to begin ditch and culvert cleaning and schedule the work to be completed in Q3 2025, prior to the onset of the fall rainy season.
2. Engineering staff, along with the engineering consultant, will:
  - a. Prepare an implementation plan to guide the immediate and short-term actions proposed for the remainder of 2025 and into 2026.
  - b. Develop options for reintegrating the drainage system along the west side of Fenton Street and complete the conceptual and preliminary design.
  - c. Prepare an options analysis, including cost estimates for potential solutions mentioned during community engagement for onsite pumping, offsite pumping and other considerations which continue to work towards the ultimate Fenton streetscape.
  - d. Conduct another engagement session to present the options to Fenton Street residents and seek further feedback.
3. Develop standard operating procedures for staff to monitor and inspect the drainage system.
4. Update the “Projects on the Go” webpage with the “What We Heard Report” from community engagement events, as well as frequently asked questions, and continue to update it as pertinent information becomes available.

With the assistance of the engineering consultant, staff have commenced the implementation of the immediate action plans and have formulated a comprehensive plan for the short-term measures.

The schedule for the implementation of the immediate action plans are as follows:

<b>Task</b>	<b>Date</b>
Ditch Cleaning Fenton St and Boyd St	August 28 - September 2 (Completed)
Replace/Deepen Fenton St Culverts/Ditches	Planned for October 2025 (Subject to Contractor Availability)
Clean Duncan St Culverts/Remove Concrete Wall at Stanley St Forebay	October 20 through November 2025. WSA notification has been submitted, earliest works can start is October 20.
Review of Conditions and Evaluation of Long-Term Alternatives	January/February 2026

## Analysis

Through public engagement and meetings with the residents of Fenton Street, residents have clearly expressed that the current flooding during heavy rains is a “dire situation” and require a permanent solution to this issue, in advance of the forthcoming season of frequent and heavy rain.

Staff have completed the ditch cleaning of Fenton and Boyd Street which was required to enable the inspection of culverts, leading to a better understanding of the scope of the work for the culvert repair and replacement. During this phase of work, the condition of culverts was revealed to be significantly worse than had been understood prior to the ditch cleaning. Eagle Valley Excavating had been selected to complete repairs to ditches and culverts throughout Queensborough on an ad hoc basis over the past 10 years. Because of their deep familiarity with the drainage infrastructure in Queensborough, staff requested a quote from Eagle Valley Excavating for the lowering and replacement of 15 culverts and headwalls along the East side of the 300 block of Fenton Street. This work will also require the lowering of ditch elevations to match the culverts in the same area. The quote has been returned to staff at a cost of \$551,932.62. This price has been verified by staff and the consultant to be valid and reflective of the scope of work.

Eagle Valley Excavating is a trusted contractor of the City and have been utilized for the replacement of culverts and headwalls in the Queensborough area for over 10 years, giving them the needed experience and specialized knowledge of the unstable soils that can be found in this area.

Staff are requesting a Competitive Purchasing Exemption with the intent of sole sourcing this work to Eagle Valley Excavating. This exemption will allow staff to urgently complete the work prior to the rainy season, ultimately mitigating known flooding concerns on Fenton Street. Sole sourcing this work will provide staff with the best opportunity to meet previously communicated timelines and improve flooding concerns in the area.

## Financial Implications

Should the request for the Competitive Purchasing Exemption be approved, staff will secure the services of Eagle Valley Excavating according to the quote provided.

## Schedule of Values

Description	Unit	Cost
800mm CSP Culvert c/w tie into ex storm sewer at Boyd and Fenton c/w trench repair	LS	\$48,204.65
600mm HDPE Boss 2000 Culverts	m	\$237,308.71
450mm HDPE Boss 2000 Culverts	m	\$71,250.60
Sandbag Culvert Endwalls	ea	\$36,350.05
65mm UC2 Driveway Restoration	m2	\$80,324.00

Concrete Sidewalk/Driveway Letdowns	m2	\$14,864.10
Concrete Curb and Gutter per New West Spec	m	n/a
Re&Re Paver Driveways	m2	\$960.00
Ditch Channel Deepening	m	\$62,670.51

Total cost of works to be completed: **\$551,932.62**

This work will be funded from Fenton Street Streetscape project, which has \$8M in the approved 2025-2029 capital plan.

### Next Steps

Subject to approval of the Competitive Purchasing Exemption staff will:

1. Notify Eagle Valley Excavating of the approval of their quote.
2. Allow Eagle Valley to procure supplies and materials needed for this project.
3. Commence work on the lowering of the culverts and ditches within two to three weeks.

### Interdepartmental Liaison

The preparation of this report has been coordinated by staff in the Infrastructure Planning, and Operations divisions within the Engineering department, as well as staff in the Finance department.

### Options

Options for Council's consideration include:

1. THAT the competitive purchasing exemption sole source in the amount of \$551,932,62 to Eagle Valley Excavating services, as presented in the staff report titled "Fenton Street Streetscape Project – Sole Sourcing of Eagle Valley Excavating" dated October 6, 2025 from the Director of Engineering Services, be approved;
2. THAT Council provide staff with alternate direction.

Staff recommend option 1.

### Attachments

Attachment 1 - Fenton Street Culvert Replacement and Ditch Deepening

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Attachment 2 - Fenton Street Streetscape and Drainage Improvement Project –  
Community Engagement Results and Feedback (August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Regular Council Meeting Schedule 2)

**Report Approval**

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