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**To:** Chair and Members  
Lambton Area Water Supply System Joint Board of Management

**From:** Clinton Harper  
General Manager

**Subject:** LAWSS Pipeline Condition Assessment Conceptual Plan-  
Consultant Award

### Recommendation

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It is recommended that the LAWSS Joint Board of Management award the 2026 LAWSS Condition Assessment Conceptual Plan project to Aspire Consulting Group Limited for the quoted amount of \$84,180+HST.

### Background:

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In March 2026, LAWSS invited qualified experts to submit proposals to complete Watermain Condition Assessment Services for the transmission network. At this stage, the primary scope of the project involves the development of a Conceptual Plan that establishes a framework for multi-year systematic assessment of all LAWSS’ buried linear assets.

### Comments:

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By the 2pm deadline on Friday April 17, 2026, LAWSS staff had received 5 proposal submissions. The proposals were evaluated using a Qualification-Based Selection process utilizing a 2-step method in which these proposals were received and evaluated in two separate steps. The first step involved an evaluation of the technical components of each proposal that measured the proposal according to the criteria described in Table 1. The second step involved a review of the Cost Proposal and determining the lowest cost per point to determine the successful Proponent. The lowest cost per point is outlined in Table 2. In order to be considered for the opening of the Cost Proposal, proponents were required to achieve a minimum technical score of 70.

<b>Table 1</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Project Manager Qualifications and Experience on Directly Related Projects	15
Technical and Support Staff Qualifications and Experience on Directly Related Projects	20
Understanding of Project Goals, Methodology, and Approach	15

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Implementation Strategy, Schedule of Key Activities, and Commitment to Maintaining Timeline and Deliverables	20
Innovation and Recommendations	5
Reference (3 for similar projects)	25

<b>Table 2:</b>	<b>Price/Point</b>
Aspire Consulting Group Ltd.	\$872.33
Infinity Growth Corporation	\$894.64
AECOM Canada ULC	\$1,129.26
GHD Ltd.	\$1,547.22
Pure Technologies Ltd.	\$1,889.32

**Consultation:**

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This report was developed in consultation with OCWA’s Senior Operations Manager and LAWSS Budget Analyst & Assistant System Administrator.

**Financial Implications:**

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The Board approved a budget of \$500,000 in 2026 for overall pipeline condition assessment projects. This is the first step in the projects planned for 2026. The balance of the remaining budget will be utilized to undertake an initial project developed out of this conceptual planning process.

This report was prepared by Clinton Harper, LAWSS General Manager

Attachment(s): none