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## Town of Sidney



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### Reay Creek Dam Renovations to be Complete in 2020

Sidney, BC.; At the August 17, 2020 Council Meeting, Sidney Council directed staff to enter into a time and materials unit rate contract with QM Environmental (QM) for the renovation of Reay Creek Dam in 2020, and to allocate an additional \$150,000 in the budget for the project, funded from the Land Sale Reserve.

Council's decision allows the Town to continue to work towards renovating the dam in 2020 in conjunction with the KÉL,SET (Reay) Creek Pond Remediation Project, which has been awarded to QM.

Mayor Cliff McNeil-Smith stated, "We have heard from the public and residents of the Reay Creek area that it is important that the two projects be completed in conjunction with one another this year. As well, Council feels the benefits of undertaking the work now far outweigh any risks associated with the project."

To allow the two projects to be completed concurrently, a time and materials unit rate contract with QM was necessary. This involves both parties agreeing on predetermined unit rates for labor and materials, and the contractor being paid based on work actually completed.

Completing the projects concurrently is less disruptive from both an environmental standpoint and to the residents who live around the pond. There will also be efficiencies in overheads from having the two projects completed at the same time by the same contractor.

Due to the uncertainty of the nature of renovation work and the contract type that the Town is entering into, Town staff recommended to Council a construction contingency above QM's cost estimate, bringing the total estimated cost of the project to \$1,050,000.

On September 2, 2020, the Town signed the contract with QM to begin the dam renovations at Reay Creek. Work on the dam is expected to begin during the first week of September and be complete by mid-October.

Sheet piling work for the dam upgrade will be monitored by a qualified geotechnical engineer. This work is expected to generate noise and to start on September 8, 2020. If you have any questions about this project, please email [engineering@sidney.ca](mailto:engineering@sidney.ca) or call 250 656-4502.

QM has extensive remediation and dewatering project experience. Likewise, they have received quotes from reputable companies to perform the sheet pile work, which is the largest cost on the dam project.

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