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### **Picton Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement Procurement Process Review/Contract Award**

Picton, ON – The lengthy and extensive process to replace the 60 year-old Picton Wastewater Treatment Plant culminated at a Special Council meeting on June 11, 2009 with the award of a contract to Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. to design and build the new plant. At the same meeting, Council received a staff report which chronicled and analyzed the procurement process from its inception in 2004 to present.

Much hope had been based on achieving significant cost savings through the use of a design/build/finance/operate model which is popular in western Canada but would have been the first of its kind in Ontario. That process was abandoned when, of the three responses received to the Request for Proposal, two were rejected for high costs and one was disqualified.

The report concluded "Many persons worked very hard to try and find a solution for the replacement of the PWWTP (Picton Wastewater Treatment Plant) and all possible avenues for project delivery were thoroughly and conscientiously addressed. In spite of the time, detail and effort spent in developing the process and documents, the RFP process failed to provide a solution deemed to be acceptable."

The new plant, which will be constructed at the Champlain Lookout location, utilizes a relatively risk-free, technically sound solution that safeguards the environment, protects the COMRIF funding of \$10.3M, remains faithful to the findings of the Environmental Study Report and fully addresses the demands of the Environmental Assessment.

The design/build option was available to the County at this time, through the flexibility of the Request for Proposal. Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. was a member of the team that responded to the RFP to design-build-finance-operate and had the lowest capital costs.

The total project cost of \$29 M. includes:

Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd. contract	\$24,707,250.
Costs to date (design, RFEI, legal etc.)	\$ 1,139,000.
Additional items	\$ 1,736,350.
Project management costs	\$ 750,000.
Contingency Allowance	\$ 667,400.

\$10.3M of the construction cost will be covered by Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF). Green Municipal Funding will be requested for two items: the turbine generator in the outfall and the effluent heat recover system. The total Green Municipal Fund grant request would total \$439,950. The remainder of the project will be financed through Infrastructure Ontario and repaid through user fees.

Copies of the report on the procurement process and the contract award are available on the County website at [www.pecounty.on.ca](http://www.pecounty.on.ca).