

**The Corporation of the
Township of Wilmot**

By-law Number 2014-45

**BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES AND THE
DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS GOODS**

WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot has deemed it desirable to have a by-law to provide for fair, transparent and accountable purchasing and tendering procedures and thereby to protect Council, vendors and staff involved in the process by providing clear direction and accountabilities; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 270 (1) 3 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25, a municipality and a local board shall adopt policies with respect to its procurement of goods and services;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot enacts as follows:

PART I – DEFINITIONS:

1. In this By-law:

- a. **“Authority”** or **“Authorized”** means the legal right to conduct tasks outlined in this By-law as directed by Council and delegated to Department Heads. **“Authorized purchases”** are those that have prior approval of Council either through resolution or through the Annual budget.
- b. **“Authorized Requisitioner”** means a person authorized in writing by the Department Head or Designate to make purchases under the limits prescribed within this By-law.
- c. **“CAO”** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot or designate.
- d. **“Clerk”** means the Director of Clerk Services of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot or designate.
- e. **“Consultant”** means a person or firm, who by virtue of a particular expertise, is hired by the Corporation to undertake a specific task or assignment that may include, but is not limited to designing specification or preparing plans or programs.
- f. **“Contract”** means any formal legal agreement for supply of goods, services, equipment or construction.
- g. **“Corporation”** or **“Township”** means the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot
- h. **“Council”** means the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot
- i. **“Department”** means any Department within the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot
- j. **“Department Head”** means a member of the Senior Management Team.
- k. **“Designate”** means a person authorized in writing by the Department Head or by the CAO or Clerk or Treasurer to act on his/her behalf, for the purposes of this By-law.
- l. **“Emergency”** means an event that occurs, which in the opinion of the CAO or designate, requires immediate repair or replacement of equipment, services, or facilities in order to maintain a required public service or to prevent danger to life, limb or property within the Township of Wilmot
- m. **“Goods and Services”** means all supplies, materials or equipment and related procurement services. This may include installation, training, inspection, maintenance and repairs and related procurement services, but does not include land purchases, land sales and property leases.
- n. **“Lowest Ultimate Cost”** means the costs that results in the lowest cost of ownership, operation or purchase to the Corporation. This cost is derived from the consideration of all factors, such as price, quality, service, terms, conditions and warranties.
- o. **“Mayor”** means the elected Mayor of the Corporation or the person duly appointed to act in place of the Mayor.
- p. **“Procedures”** means internal instructions or guidelines to Departments, approved by the Senior Management Team.

- q. **"Proposal"** means an offer to supply goods or services on which end results are outlined but no detailed specifications given to the Bidders as to the goods or how the work is to be performed, that is obtained through a formal Request for Proposal (RFP).
- r. **"Purchasing Agent"** means a Department Head or designate.
- s. **"Procurement Analyst"** means the Accounting/Procurement Analyst of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot.
- t. **"Purchase ID"** means the individually assigned purchasing identification for each authorized requisitioner of the Corporation.
- u. **"Purchase Order"** means the legal document that is the Corporation's commitment to the supplier for the value of the goods or services ordered. It is also the supplier's authority to ship and charge for the good specified on the order. A **"Blanket Purchase Order"** is an agreement between the Township and a supplier to sell goods for a specified period of time with a dollar limitation that is prepared by the Procurement Analyst under the authority of the Treasurer.
- v. **"Quotation"** means a request for prices on specific goods or services obtained formally through a Request for Quotations (RFQ) or informally from selected sources.
- w. **"Receiver"** means an individual(s) designated by the Purchasing Agent to accept shipment(s) on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot.
- x. **"Relationship"** means a parent, spouse, child, brother or sister.
- y. **"Requisition"** means a written or electronically transmitted request on an approved form, authorized by a purchasing agent, sent to the Treasurer to procure goods or services.
- z. **"Responsible"** means a Bidder or Offerer who is deemed to be fully technically and financially capable of supplying the goods or services requested in the solicitation.
- aa. **"Responsive"** means a Bidder or Offerer who correctly and completely responds to all of the significant requirements outlined in the solicitation.
- bb. **"Senior Management Team"** means the Senior Management Team of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot.
- cc. **"Tender"** means an offer in writing by way of a Call for Tender to execute certain specified work or to supply certain specified goods or services at a specific rate in response to the information contained in the Call for Tender.
- dd. **"Treasurer"** means the Director of Finance/Treasurer of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot or designate.

PART II – OBJECTIVE

2. The objectives of this By-law are to establish and maintain a high level of confidence in the purchasing process by ensuring that the Township of Wilmot's procurement of the goods and services necessary to provide the programs and services of the municipality is carried out in an open, fair, consistent, efficient and competitive manner that strikes a balance between public accountability, competition, quality and innovation. Therefore, the Township of Wilmot is committed to:
 - a. Basing all acquisition decisions for goods on total acquisition costs from suppliers who meet the Township's requirements for quality, delivery and warranty;
 - b. Ensuring that the Township's requirements for goods and services are met through an open and fair process that provides the highest possible degree of competition and value to the Township;
 - c. Encouraging innovation in purchasing and acquisition whether it be through partnerships, purchasing co-operatives, joint contracts or any other mechanism that best meets the interests of the municipality while maintaining the integrity of this By-Law;
 - d. Ensuring when and where appropriate, environmental consideration is given to the purchases made by the Township;
 - e. Ensuring when and where appropriate, consideration is given to the accessibility of the goods and services for persons with disabilities;
 - f. Ensuring that purchasing decisions are free of any conflict of interest between suppliers and Members of Council, officials or employees and members of their immediate families; and,
 - g. Ensuring that, all other things being equal, the Township will seek to purchase Canadian goods and services from local (i.e. Wilmot Township), regional, provincial or national sources, in that order.

PART III – AUTHORITY

3. This By-law authorizes Department Heads and their designate(s) to act as legal Purchasing Agents of the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot.
4. The signatures of the Treasurer, CAO or the Mayor and Clerk when legally required, are necessary on all agreements to purchase, lease or contract for goods and services. The Treasurer shall have signing authority up to \$50,000.00. The CAO shall have signing authority up to \$50,000.00 if less than 3 competitive quotations are received. Except where delegation of authority has been expressly assigned by By-Law, the Mayor and Clerk shall be authorized to sign contracts over \$50,000.00 as approved by Council.
5. Where any tender or contract has been authorized under this By-law, the CAO may authorize disbursement of additional funds provided that the additional funds:
 - a. Shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the original contract price;
 - b. Are available within the program budget; and
 - c. Are required to complete works that are necessary as part of the original contract.
6. The Procurement Analyst shall monitor adherence to the provisions of this By-law and the procedures adopted for its use. Failures to comply with the provisions of the By-law and procedures shall be reported to the Treasurer. Continued non-compliance shall be reported to the CAO and may lead to disciplinary action up to, and including, dismissal.
7. The Procurement Analyst shall assist Purchasing Agents in maintaining good vendor relations and in the conduct of all negotiations with vendors, subject to the other provisions of this By-law.
8. Throughout the bidding process, all inquiries regarding materials, prices, services, delivery, terms, conditions and adjustments, are to be conducted by or through the Procurement Analyst.

PART IV – PURCHASING GUIDELINES

9. Responsibilities of Purchasing Agents
 - a. To ensure that, except otherwise stipulated, any purchase of goods, services or equipment shall be made on a competitive basis, in keeping with accepted public purchasing practices and in accordance with applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws;
 - b. To ensure that purchases are made at the lowest ultimate cost, with due consideration to the importance of quality and service, and in accordance with the approved policies and procedures of the Corporation;
 - c. To, wherever possible, promote and coordinate standardization of goods with the cooperation of all Departments and where beneficial to the Corporation, participate with other levels of government and other local agencies in co-operative purchasing plans
 - d. To be responsible for the return of all supplies and termination of all contracts that do not meet the specifications set out in the Purchase Order or contract
10. Except in accordance with this By-law, Purchasing Agents shall not:
 - a. Order goods that have not been provided for in the annual budgets of each department;
 - b. Split a purchase to avoid any of the purchasing processes outlined in this By-law;
 - c. Make or authorize personal purchases;
 - d. Solicit in-house bids in competition with outside firms; and
 - e. Utilize the Purchase ID of another Purchasing Agent to avoid any of the purchasing processes outlined in this By-law.

11. The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot reserves the right in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids, and the lowest or highest bid, as the case may be, will not necessarily be accepted.

PART V – PURCHASING PROCESSES

- 12. The Methods of Procurement for the Corporation of the Township of Wilmot are summarized in 'Schedule A' of this By-law.
- 13. Dollar amounts shown in this By-law setting parameters for the purchasing process, except otherwise stated, shall be the total cost excluding taxes and freight.
- 14. Payment Vouchers are to be utilized only in cases where the payee does not issue an invoice for the goods or services rendered or in the case of a refund from the Corporation.

EXEMPTIONS

15. The following items are exempt from the purchasing process and Purchase Order requirements under Part V of this By-law, and will be paid by the Treasurer upon an invoice signed by a Purchasing Agent certifying the goods or services have been received along with appropriate general ledger coding:

Exemption	Description
Petty Cash Items	Purchases made in accordance with the Petty Cash Policy
Blanket Purchase Order Items	Items that have been placed under a blanket purchase order by the Procurement Analyst as per the authority of the Treasurer
Conference, Training and Seminars	Conferences, Conventions, Courses, Seminars, Memberships, Staff Workshops, Subscriptions
Refundable Employee Expenses	Meal Allowances, Miscellaneous Non-Travel, Travel Expenses
Employer's General Expenses	Payroll Deductions, Licenses, Debenture Payments, Insurance Premiums, Grants to Agencies, Damage Claims, Petty Cash Replenishment, Tax Remittances, Building Lease Payments, Postage, Freight Charges, Township Vehicle Fuel and Maintenance, Charges to or from other Government Agencies
Professional and Special Services	Laboratory Services, Legal Services, Temporary Help, Banking and Investment Fees, Real Estate Fees, Audit Fees, Insurance Adjuster Fees, Honorarium, Municipal Election Costs
Utilities	Water, Wastewater, Hydro, Gas, Telephone, Cell Phone and Internet Service Charges

LOW-DOLLAR VALUE ITEMS

- 16. Authorized requisitioners are permitted to make direct acquisitions for items with a **value less than \$1,000.00**, provided that they utilize the small- order purchasing procedure outlined in 'Schedule B' of this By-law.
- 17. Purchasing Agents are permitted to make direct acquisitions for items with a **value between \$1,000.00 and \$4,999.99**, provided that they use their individual Purchase ID.

18. Where the requirement for goods or services has an estimated **value between \$5,000.00 and \$19,999.99**, the purchasing agent, with a properly signed or electronically transmitted Purchase Order, is empowered to make the purchase from such suppliers and upon such terms and conditions that are best for the Corporation. The purchasing agent is to solicit a minimum of three written quotations wherever possible. These quotations must be submitted to the Procurement Analyst with the signed Purchase Order. Where it is deemed that it is not possible to obtain the number of quotations specified under this section, an explanation must be provided with the signed Purchase Order.
19. Authorized requisitioners are permitted to use Corporate Credit Cards up to the limit prescribed on the card that has been assigned to them. The maximum credit limit for a Corporate Credit Cards is assigned based on the decision of the Treasurer.

INFORMAL AND FORMAL SEALED QUOTATIONS:

20. Where the requirement for goods or services is estimated to **cost \$20,000.00 or more, but less than \$50,000.00**, the Purchasing Agent will work with the Treasurer and the purchase may be made on the authority of the Treasurer provided that a minimum of three competitive quotations have been obtained. Formal Sealed Quotations will be called if deemed beneficial by the Treasurer. Sealed Quotations will be opened by the Purchasing Agent and the Procurement Analyst, or designate(s).
21. Where information supplied indicates that three quotations cannot be obtained for the goods or services estimated to **cost \$20,000.00 or more, but less than \$50,000.00**, justification to and approval to make the purchase is required by the CAO.

TENDERS

22. All requirements for goods, services, equipment or construction estimated to cost **\$50,000.00 or more**, shall be obtained by sealed tender or proposal and shall be awarded by Council approval.
23. In the case of large capital projects where a project manager/general contractor is hired, the requirements outlined in Section 22 will only apply to the initial tendering for project management purposes. Subsequent to the award of contract through Council approval, the project manager/general contractor will work with the Purchasing Agent to hire any requisite sub-trades.
24. The Procurement Analyst with the assistance of the Purchasing Agent shall distribute (hard copy or digital copy when applicable), and receive all tender, proposal and consultant calls. The Procurement Analyst shall monitor and print additional hard copies for distribution as required. The Purchasing Agent will be responsible to obtain any drawings from outside consultants.
25. The Procurement Analyst shall provide the tender documents upon every Bidders request accompanied by payment of any required fee thereto.
26. The Treasurer, in consultation with the Purchasing Agent, will determine whether or not Performance and Labour and Materials bonding, tender deposits or bid bonds are required, subject to the following:
 - a. Bid Bonds and Performance and Labour and Material bonding will be required for purchases over \$200,000.00;
 - b. Purchase less than \$200,000.00 may include bonding requirements if it is deemed by the Treasurer to be in the best interest of the Township;
 - c. Where tender deposits or bid bonds are required, the Treasurer shall determine the amount and form of deposit;
 - d. Under no circumstances will interest be paid on tender deposits;
 - e. The Treasurer or designate shall retain, in safekeeping, the deposits of all tenders until an award has been determined, accepted, and a contract executed;
 - f. Should a tender not be awarded, the Treasurer or designate shall forthwith arrange the return of tender deposits to the Bidders; and

- g. The tender deposit or bid bond may be used to mitigate costs or damages to the Corporation where a successful Bidder fails to execute the contract, or furnish any required documents within ten calendar days or as specified within the tender documents after notice to them to do so, or where a Bidder withdraws their tender after tenders have been opened.

27. The Procurement Analyst shall review all tender documents for quality assurance purposes, with technical assistance from the Purchasing Agent. All tender documents, where applicable shall be issued in a standardized format, and will have clearly stated criteria and specifications, defined quality and servicing standards. All tender documents shall include the following items:

- a. Terms and conditions of the specific tender as well as the Township's standard terms and conditions document;
- b. The tender form, which provides the following:
 - i. A statement by the Bidder that the Bidder reviewed and understands the tender documents and that the Bidder is capable of and willing to perform the requirements of the contract and enter into a legal agreement with the Corporation in regard thereto;
 - ii. An execution by the Bidder. Where the tender is submitted by a corporation, it shall be signed by the duly authorized officer(s) of the corporation, or in the case of a partnership, by all signing partners;
 - iii. Irrevocable period of the tender response;
 - iv. The time limit for signing the contract shall be clearly stated; and
 - v. The following terms and conditions:
 - 1. "The Corporation of the Township of Wilmot reserves the right in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids, and the lowest or highest bid, as the case may be, will not necessarily be accepted."
 - 2. "Notwithstanding and without restricting the generality of the statement immediately above, the Township of Wilmot shall not be required to award or accept a tender, or recall the tenders at a later date if the tenders:
 - a. Do not meet the specifications of the Tender Terms and Conditions;
 - b. Are too high based on estimated costs of the goods or services;
 - c. Are too low based on estimated costs of the goods or services;
 - d. Are submitted late;
 - e. Are illegible or incomprehensible;
 - f. Are not signed and sealed;
 - g. Are from an ineligible bidder; or
 - h. Will not be completed as outlined within the tender documents, in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent.
- c. Special provisions where applicable; and
- d. Specifications

28. Tender submissions to the Township are to:

- a. Be signed and submitted in the time and manner required by the Township,
- b. Be in a sealed envelope referencing the following:
 - i. Name and Address of the Township;
 - ii. The official that has been designated to receive tenders;
 - iii. The closing date and time;
 - iv. The contract or tender number; and
 - v. The name and general description of the tender
- c. Include evidence of good standing with WSIB;
- d. Include bonding or deposit, when applicable;
- e. Include the unit cost and/or hourly rate;
- f. Include the total cost of like items or total cost for hours required to complete task;
- g. Include the freight charges;
- h. Include any applicable travel expenses;
- i. Itemize other sundry expenses;
- j. Include all applicable taxes; and

- k. Include the Total cost of the Tender
29. Where it is deemed necessary invitations to tender and Request for Quotation or Proposal (RFQ/RFP) may be sent to potential Bidders by the Purchasing Agent or designate, to ensure the best possible response to the call, and the Procurement Analyst shall be notified accordingly.
 30. Where it is deemed necessary by the Corporation to revise the tender documents or extend the closing date, an addendum shall be forwarded by the Procurement Analyst to every person who obtained tender documents for the contract and/or posted on the Township website. The addendum shall be attached to all tender forms not yet distributed. Where an addendum is prepared too late to allow notification by mail, every person who obtained tender documents for the contract shall be notified by telephone, facsimile, or technological equivalent.
 31. Where it is deemed necessary by the Corporation to cancel a tender call, the Procurement Analyst will ensure an advertisement shall be placed in the electronic medium and/or publication in which the original advertisement appeared stating that the tender call has been cancelled and every person who obtained tender documents shall be notified by telephone, facsimile or technological equivalent of the cancellation. Where a tender call is cancelled prior to closing, no tenders shall be accepted. All tenders received shall be returned unopened by registered mail with a covering letter.
 32. All Bidder inquiries should be sent via facsimile or e-mail to the Procurement Analyst, who shall obtain a response from the Purchasing Agent. These questions and their respective answers shall be posted on the Township website for review by all bidders prior to closing. Any questions occurring during Bidders' meetings, site visits or information sessions will be treated in the same fashion where possible.
 33. The Procurement Analyst shall maintain a list of all bid takers. This list shall be updated on the Township website.
 34. Every tender envelope received shall be noted with the date and time received, initialed by the Procurement Analyst and forthwith deposited unopened in the secured tender container.
 35. Tenders received after the closing time shall be returned unopened to the Bidder by the Treasurer or designate, together with a covering letter.
 36. Tenders shall be opened at the appointed time in the presence of any member of the public in attendance for the opening, the Purchasing Agent that requested the tender, the Procurement Analyst or designate(s), and a witness.
 37. The Procurement Analyst or Purchasing Agent or designate(s) shall announce for each contract the contract number, contract description, the name of the Bidder, the total amount of the tender, and shall prepare a summary thereof on a standardized form signed by Purchasing Agent, Procurement Analyst and witness. The unofficial bid results will be posted to the Township website for the public.
 38. Where two or more tenders are submitted in the same tender envelope, the one bearing the lowest price shall be considered as the tender.
 39. Where two or more tenders are submitted by the same bidder, and no withdrawal request has been received, only the bid received at the latest time shall be considered.
 40. The Purchasing Agent or Procurement Analyst, following approval of Council of the award of the contract, shall notify the successful Bidder. Where a formal contract is required and approved, it shall be submitted to the successful Bidder for execution.

41. Where a contract has been awarded and the successful Bidder fails to execute the contract or any other required documents within the specified time, the CAO may:
 - a. Grant the successful Bidder additional time to fulfill the requirements; or
 - b. Award the contract to the second most qualified bidder.
42. Where the Corporation contracts work out in an agreement with the private sector, the policies and procedures of the Corporation will prevail in all tender, quotation and proposal calls.

PROPOSALS

43. Requests for Proposals (RFP) may be called when the requirement for goods or services needed cannot be definitely specified. In these cases a proposal call will be made to obtain specific offers from Bidders to fulfill the requirements for the goods and services at a particular price.
44. Requests for Proposals, where applicable shall be issued in a standardized format, and will:
 - a. Clearly establish required project outcome or requirements and contain existing conditions if applicable;
 - b. Specifically outline response requirements at time of proposal receipt; and
 - c. Clearly outline the 'evaluation criteria'.
45. In the case of RFP's, these submissions will be opened by the Purchasing Agent or designate, and their receipt acknowledged. Prices for proposals will not be disclosed. The list of proponents will be posted to the Township website.
46. Proposal values or contents of vendor proposal response and evaluation comments from the selection committee will not be disclosed and will be held in confidence. Scoring activities of the Selection Committee will also be held in strict confidence until after the award of contract.
47. Requests for Proposals may include requests for initial expressions of interest from consultants and the subsequent submission of detailed proposals.
48. Proposals for other than consulting services shall be called in accordance with the Procurement By-Law, evaluated by an appropriate selection committee and awarded in keeping with proper purchasing and tendering procedures.
49. Proposals for any type of consulting services shall be called and managed according to the 'Consultants' section of this By-law.

CONSULTANTS

50. The Methods of Procurement regarding use of Consultants are summarized in 'Schedule A' of this By-law.
51. Where the requirement for Consultant Services is estimated to cost **less than \$10,000.00**, the Purchasing Agent will select the Consultant, and notify the CAO of this selection.
52. Where the requirement for Consultant Services is estimated to cost **\$10,000.00 or more, but less than \$20,000.00**, a minimum of three written proposals are required. The selection shall be made by the Purchasing Agent, and final approval of the selection shall be provided by the CAO.

53. Where the requirement for Consultant Services is estimated to cost **\$20,000.00 or more**, a minimum of three written proposals are required. The selection shall be made by the Purchasing Agent and reviewed by the CAO, prior to being presented in report format to Council for approval of the Consultant choice.

TERM CONTRACTS

54. Where it is deemed to be beneficial to the Corporation, term contracts shall be issued for on-going services required by the Township. These services include, but are not limited to, custodial services, grass cutting, plumbing/electrical or HVAC maintenance agreements, audit services, banking services, IT consulting services, animal control, veterinary services, winter maintenance of parking lots, and municipal drainage superintendent services.
55. Term contracts shall follow the same procurement processes as tenders and proposals do for one-time items.
56. Term contracts will be maintained on file by the Procurement Analyst and Purchasing Agent.
57. Term contracts and any renewals thereto shall not exceed a 5-year term. Renewals within the 5-year term that avoid re-tendering the contract must be justified and approved by the CAO.

SPECIFICATIONS

58. Purchasing Agents shall be responsible to prepare and provide to the Procurement Analyst, specifications when required as part of the tender and proposal documents.
59. Purchasing Agents shall review their contracts and tender specifications for goods and services, to ensure that wherever possible and economical, specifications are amended to provide for expanded use of products and services that contain post-consumer recyclable waste and/or recyclable content to the maximum level allowable, without significantly affecting the intended use or performance of the product or service. It is also recognized that a cost analysis may be required in order to ensure that the products are made available at competitive prices in order to increase the development and awareness of Environmentally Sound Products.
60. When preparing specifications for good or services for the Township, the Purchasing Agent shall have regard to accessibility for persons with disabilities to the goods or services.

CO-OPERATIVE PURCHASING

61. Purchasing through co-operatives, such as the Co-op Purchasing Group of Waterloo Region (CPGWR), joint ventures, joint contracts and other such ventures are encouraged and may be used, if in the opinion of the Senior Management Team, such purchases ensure the procurement of supplies and services that meet the objectives of this By-law.
62. Purchases made through co-operative buying procedures involving the Corporation require approval of Council only where the Corporation's portion of the purchase will be or exceeds **\$50,000.00** in value, excluding taxes and freight.

ADVERTISING

63. The Procurement Analyst shall ensure that advertising for all formal tenders, quotations or proposals, is placed on the Township website and social media. Advertisements may also be placed in third-party mediums (i.e. Newspaper, Industry Newsletter, etc.) at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent.
64. The advertising shall be advertised at least ten working days prior to the closing date, unless otherwise directed by Council.

65. The Procurement Analyst or designate shall review all advertisements prepared by the Purchasing Agent, prior to posting. The following contents shall be included in every tender advertisement:
- a. The name of the Corporation;
 - b. The contract or tender number as assigned by the Procurement Analyst;
 - c. A general description of tender complete with securities required;
 - d. The official designated to receive responses;
 - e. The date and time of closing and any mandatory Bidder's meetings or site visits;
 - f. The location of the performance of the contract;
 - g. A statement that the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted; and
 - h. Fax number and e-mail address for vendor inquiries
66. Where it is deemed beneficial to the Corporation to pre-qualify bidders for any tender or proposal, a formal Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ) will be completed. This RFPQ will be advertised in the same manner as any other tender or proposal. Through the RFPQ process, the Purchasing Agent will determine the eligible bidders to bid on the formal tender or proposal. This list of eligible bidders must be approved by the Treasurer, and subsequently be submitted to the Procurement Analyst for distribution and receipt of bid documents.

EMERGENCY PURCHASES

67. When an emergency occurs, the Treasurer has the authority to issue a Purchase Order, upon receiving written or verbal request from a Purchasing Agent, for the goods and services required.
68. After the emergency is over, any expenditure over and above this By-law's authorization, shall be reported according to the requirements of the By-law.
69. Emergency purchases must have regard for the provisions of this By-law and related procedures wherever practical, and must be concluded as swiftly and cost effectively as possible.

PHASED ACQUISITION PROCESS

70. The Township may consider a phased process for acquisition or service provision if:
- a. Detailed specifications are not available or it is impractical to prepare specifications based on price;
 - b. The project is of a significant nature and is a long-term project; and/or
 - c. The project may be broken into various project phases.
71. The phased purchasing process may take a number of forms, depending on the complexity and requirements of the Township at the time requisitions are being considered.
72. Phased acquisitions must have regard for the provisions of this By-law and related procedures wherever practical, and must be approved by Council where applicable.

PURCHASE BY NEGOTIATIONS

73. The Purchasing Agent may under the following conditions negotiate with one or more Bidders and in such cases the requirement for inviting tenders or quotations is waived:
- a. When in the judgment of the Purchasing Agent, goods are judged to be in short supply due to market conditions;
 - b. Where there is only one source of supply for the goods or services;
 - c. Where two or more identical bids have been received;

- d. Where the lowest tender or quotation meeting specifications substantially exceeds the estimated cost and it is impractical to recall the tender or quotation;
 - e. When all bids received fail to meet the specification of tender terms and conditions and it is impractical to recall tenders or quotations;
 - f. When no bids are received in the tender or quotation call; or
 - g. When only one bid received in a tender or quotation.
74. When negotiations are deemed necessary they shall be carried out in consultation with the Treasurer.
75. Any negotiated purchase contract for \$50,000.00 or more in value, excluding taxes and freight, shall be subject to approval from Council.
76. The methods of negotiation shall be those accepted as standard negotiating procedures that employ fair ethical practices, as outlined in the Purchasing *Code of Ethics* of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada (PMAC) and the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP).

UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS

77. Purchasing Agents may review unsolicited proposals received by the Township. Any procurement activity resulting from the receipt of an unsolicited proposal shall comply with the provisions of this By-law. A contract resulting from an unsolicited proposal shall be awarded on a non-competitive basis only when the procurement requirements comply with the non-competitive procurement policies and procedures.

RECEIVING AND INSPECTION OF GOODS

78. When a shipment is received, the Receiver is responsible to ensure that there is no evidence of damage and that the goods and quantities described in the Bill of Lading are correct.
79. In the event that there are discrepancies, the Receiver is responsible to note the details on the Bill of Lading and, if possible, the delivery agent should sign the Bill of Lading to indicate his/her concurrence.
80. Bills of Lading, Freight bills and/or packing slips should then be signed by the Receiver and forwarded to Accounts Payable.

PART VI – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

81. Elected officials and employees are expected to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest and are to abide by the provisions of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act. In the case of a tender or RFP, the Procurement Analyst shall not open and consider any bid from an elected official or employee of the Township, when the involvement of the elected official or employee is known, unless the elected official or employee obtains approval from Council prior to the close of the bid.
82. The Procurement Analyst shall report other routine purchases from elected officials or employees to Council, when the involvement of an elected official or employee is known, prior to the award of a contract or the acquisition of goods or services, for Council's information, without any action required on the part of Council, unless Council wishes to provide alternative direction to staff.
83. No Council member or employee of the Township may purchase goods or services for personal use through the Corporation.
84. Except in accordance with this By-law, no elected officials or employees of the Township shall have contact with a person, or any officer, employee or agent of the person who has submitted a bid to the Township, unless the bid call has been awarded, the contact is for the purpose of receiving a complaint or the contact is for a purpose entirely unrelated to the bid or contract.

PART VII – SUPPLIERS AND SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

85. All suppliers and contractors to the Township are required to maintain confidentiality with respect to any and all work conducted for or on behalf of the Township. Suppliers or successful bidders will direct any and all queries pertaining to Township business or activities to the Township.
86. All suppliers and contractors to the Township are required to ensure strict compliance with any and all applicable Federal and Provincial legislation, including, but not limited to, Worker's Safety Insurance Board coverage, the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), environmental standards and requirements for the supply and transportation of materials and supplies, including: the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, the Hazardous Products Act, and Provincial Legislation regarding WHMIS for hazardous products. All costs associated with such compliance will be borne by contractors and suppliers. Failure to comply will result in the disqualification of the supplier.
87. At the conclusion of each contract, previously awarded by Council under a tender or proposal, the Purchasing Agent will complete an evaluation of the work/service performed by the contractor or supplier. This evaluation will be held on file with the Purchasing Agent, and considered if/when the contractor bids for another project with the Township.

SUPPLIER DISQUALIFICATION:

88. The Township may disqualify any supplier or bidder for failure to meet quality, service, project budget, specifications, requirements, after sales service and contract adherence.
89. Suppliers will be immediately disqualified when:
 - a. The supplier is convicted of a criminal offence relating to the obtaining of (or, an attempt to obtain) a contract or subcontract.
 - b. The supplier is in serious breach of a contract, or terms of contract, or unwillingness to perform a contract in accordance with the terms and conditions of that contract.
 - c. The supplier is determined to have a record of unsatisfactory performance on one or more contracts.
 - d. The supplier has made any slanderous comments about the Township on any public medium, included, but not limited to print medium, social media and blogs.
 - e. The supplier is a party in a legal action against the Township.
90. Suppliers will be notified in writing of potential disqualification and accorded a reasonable opportunity to respond. If response is not obtained or in the event the response is deemed inadequate, the supplier will be placed on the disqualification list. Disqualification lists and documentation on suppliers disqualified will be maintained by the Finance Department. Such disqualification will mean submissions from any disqualified supplier are not considered for a period of three years from the time the supplier is placed on the disqualification list.

PART VIII – DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS

91. Where any goods are surplus, obsolete or unrepairable, they shall be declared surplus by the Purchasing Agent or designate.
92. When a Purchasing Agent or designate declares that no other use can be found for these items in other Departments, they shall be added to the surplus list at the discretion of the Treasurer, disposed through public auction, tender or quotation, whichever is in the best interests of the Corporation.
93. At the discretion of the Treasurer, and in consultation with the affected Department Head, rolling stock that is declared surplus may be offered, for a fair price, to the other municipal agencies within the Region of Waterloo prior to public disposal.

94. Where the item has limited market value, the Treasurer may, to the benefit of the Corporation, dispose of the item in a manner other than the ones listed above (i.e. Donation).

PART IX – PAYMENT

95. The Treasurer shall honour and pay for all goods or services covered by a Purchase Order, Contract, Progress Certificate on Construction or other authorized purchase methods available to Township departments.
96. No prepayment of all or part of any goods, services or equipment shall be made unless provision for it is included in the Purchasing agreement as evidence by a tender, Purchase Order, or other form of purchasing contract.
97. The Procurement Analyst may prepare forms of the certificates and approvals referred to in this By-law, which will be used by all Members of Council, Purchasing Agents and other officers and employees.

PART X – LITIGATION POLICY

98. The Procurement Analyst or Purchasing Agent shall not open and consider any sealed bid or otherwise acquire any goods or services from a person with whom the Township is in litigation or pending litigation unless approval allowing such is obtained by the person from Council prior to the close of the bid call or the acquisition of the goods or services.

PART XI – COMPLAINTS

99. Resolution of a complaint from any vendor shall not cause delay in awarding contracts.
100. Any complaint that the Township failed to abide by the provisions of this By-law that is significant in nature shall be reported to the Treasurer and the Treasurer shall investigate the complaint and report to Council as necessary.

PART XII – ADMINISTRATION

101. Failure to adhere to the provisions of this By-law shall not render any acquisition, contract or other document to be void or voidable.
102. Council may waive any provisions or requirements of this By-law by resolution.
103. If any section or sections of this By-law or parts thereof are found by any Court to be invalid or beyond the power of Council to enact, such section or sections or parts thereof shall be deemed to be severable and all other sections or parts of this By-law shall be deemed to be separate and independent therefrom and shall continue in full force and effect unless and until similarly found invalid or beyond the power of Council to enact.
104. The Treasurer will bring forward from time to time, amendments to this By-law to update, whether adding new clauses or adjusting those currently in force.
105. This By-law will repeal By-Law 2010-41 and shall come into force and effect on January 1, 2015.

READ a first and second time this 3rd day of November, 2014

READ a third time and finally passed this 3rd day of November, 2014

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____



**TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT
METHODS OF PROCUREMENT**

ESTIMATED COST	TYPE OF QUOTATION	SOURCE OF APPROVAL	PURCHASE DOCUMENTS	REPORTING STATUS
GOODS AND SERVICES				
a. Under \$1,000	N/A	Department Head or Designate	Direct acquisition with "small order" purchase ID	N/A
b. \$1,000-\$4,999.99	N/A	Department Head	Direct acquisition by Department Head or Designate with "small order" purchase ID	N/A
c. \$5,000-\$19,999.99	Three (3) written quotations	Department Head	System Purchase Order	N/A
d. \$20,000-\$49,999.99	Three (3) written quotations, (sealed quotations when deemed necessary by the Treasurer)	Department Head & Treasurer	System Purchase Order	N/A
e. Over \$50,000	Sealed Tender or Proposal	CAO & Council	System Purchase Order	Report to Council required for approval
CONSULTANTS				
a. Under \$10,000	N/A	Department Head	System Purchase Order	N/A
b. \$10,000.00-\$20,000	Three (3) written proposals	CAO	System Purchase Order	Report to Council required for information
c. Over \$20,000	Three (3) written proposals	CAO, Council	System Purchase Order	Report to Council required for approval

* Please Note: Purchasing Agents shall inform the Treasurer of any perceived or known involvement of any elected official of the Township in order to avoid conflict of interest.



**TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT
METHODS OF PROCUREMENT**

Small Order Purchasing Procedure

Purpose: For purchasing of products in small quantities or on a frequent basis. System is designed to streamline the buying process at businesses such as hardware suppliers, electrical suppliers and other vendors.

Process: Under this system, a unique P.O. # is given to each employee for making purchases. This PO # will identify the department and the employee making the purchase for future invoice approval. Table -1 below outlines the numbering methodology.

Thresholds & Authority: The Small Order PO# could be used by authorized requisitioners up to \$1,000; and by Department Heads or designates up to \$5,000.

Table -1

Department	P.O. Structure
Council	CO+ 4-digit employee number
CAO, Clerks	CC+ 4-digit employee number
Finance	FN+ 4-digit employee number
Fire Department	FD+ 4-digit employee number
Development Services	DS+ 4-digit employee number
Engineering	EN+ 4-digit employee number
Roads	RD+ 4-digit employee number
Utilities	UT+ 4-digit employee number
Recreation & Facilities	RF+ 4-digit employee number
Pool	PL+ 4-digit employee number
Castle Kilbride	CK+ 4-digit employee number