

MUNICIPAL: Work to be done between Westlawn and Ninth Line

Part of Rupert Avenue to undergo facelift this spring

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A portion of Rupert Avenue will be reconstructed this spring. Tuesday afternoon, council awarded Mar-San Excavating and Grading Ltd. the contract to rehabilitate Rupert Avenue between Westlawn Crescent and Ninth Line for \$772,464.53, including all applicable taxes.

"I've been pushing for it for

years," said Councillor Susanne Hilton, who represents Rupert Avenue.

Consulting engineering firm Aecom will provide contract administration services for this phase of the project for \$47,092.50, including all applicable taxes.

Ms Hilton hoped more of Rupert Avenue was going to be fixed, in particular from Ninth

Line to Glengall Lane.

But because the town did not receive government funding, it had to dip into its capital works budget so at least a portion of the road was fixed.

"It would have made sense to do it all at once, but it wasn't in the budget," Ms Hilton said, adding the rest of Rupert Avenue will likely be reconstructed next year.

What will be done this year

between Westlawn Crescent and Ninth Line is urbanization of the street with gutters, storm sewers and new concrete curbs that will act as traffic calmers.

"It's a visual reminder to slow down," Ms Hilton said.

The north side of the street will receive a sidewalk.

"(Without the sidewalk) people are having to walk on the shoulder and it's not all that good

and when the weather is not so good, they have to walk in the actual road," she said.

A total of eight bids were received, with Mar-San coming in with the lowest price. The most expensive bid came from Sam Rabito Construction Ltd. at \$1,526,963.81.

Construction is expected to begin in May and be completed by August.



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