

# Report: no bids received on tender for Erin's wastewater treatment plant

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The Town of Erin's upcoming wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has hit a bit of a speed bump.

A [report](#) to Erin council states the three pre-qualified contractors for the WWTP's water resource recovery facility did not submit bids before the deadline.

The tender was first posted electronically on June 16 and closed on Aug. 19 after two extensions.

The bid was available to Bennett Mechanical Installations, Kenaidan Contracting Ltd. and Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd.

"Staff and the consulting team will be arranging meetings with the bidders to establish the reasons for not submitting bids prior to the deadline," the report by Nick Colucci, director of infrastructure services, states.

"Subsequent to these meetings staff and the consulting team will determine the next steps to re-post the tender, revising the tender documents to incorporate the answers to the 524 questions received during the tender period."

The town has previously awarded [design](#) and [engineering](#) contracts for the WWTP to WSP Canada Group.

The project is expected to total around \$126 million with the [town's contribution](#) estimated between \$22-\$32 million.

Erin council will discuss this report at a special meeting on Tuesday.

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D [DR64](#) Aug 24, 2021 7:58 AM

Let me guess. The proposal was poorly written so that the contractor would have all the risk and none of them would put their neck on the block.

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S [SSL2020](#) Aug 24, 2021 9:46 AM

Instead of assuming and commenting here, which doesn't accomplish anything, why don't you go to a council meeting and ask for yourself? That would be more helpful and productive.

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L [Laura\\_B](#) Aug 24, 2021 9:19 AM

Given the cost of construction and materials going crazy this year, why would any company commit to a fixed price on such a large multi-year and complex project.

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D [DR64](#) Aug 24, 2021 11:35 AM

SSL because my answer is based on decades of construction experience so I don't need to go .

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D [DR64](#) Aug 24, 2021 11:40 AM

Laura you hit the nail on the head . Nobody would take on a fixed cost job of that magnitude . It's not just material cost it's covid and scheduling delays and other factors . Government jobs go to the low bidder . The government always wants a fixed price and the constructor wants cost plus. They will meet where the risks are acceptable to bidders or it won't get built.

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