

**RFP 2026-01 Combermere Outdoor Rink Rehabilitation**  
**INQUIRIES to Thursday February 19 2026**  
**FINAL**

**INQUIRY 1**

**Received via email February 2 2025**

A few question in regards to the tender documents

1. Tender states the new pad should include 12" of gravel, compacted and topped with 2" of asphalt.

Is this to be added to existing grade of current rink or will the 12" need to be excavated and then replaced with compacted granular?

or as it states "should include 12" of gravel". Are we to assume that the existing layer under the asphalt is suitable and will only require compaction after existing asphalt has been removed?

2. Installation of players shelter:

Is it possible to have a drawing provided showing necessary details ie. Footing specifications, Floor if required, wall and post specifications, and roof specifications.

**ANSWER**

The Township is unable to confirm what type of base exists under the existing asphalt. Once the existing pad is removed, existing fill should be excavated and the 12" of gravel added, compacted every 6", and topped with 2" of asphalt. No compaction test is required.

There are no drawings to be provided by the Township for the player's shelter. This structure should be:

- Maximum 45 feet in length
- Minimum 4 feet in width
- Have a crosswall between benches
- Have a closed back and open sides
- Have a roof
- Permanently installed in the same location as existing player's shelter
- Built in accordance with the Ontario Building Code

All other elements are left to the preference of the bidder - a similar structure to existing, with the addition of a roof, is what we are looking for.

**INQUIRY 2**

**Received via email February 9 2026**

Please provide the name of, and contact name at the rink board supplier that MV Twp has recently used. And was the experience and work satisfactory to the township?

### **ANSWER**

The most recent rink board supplier used by Madawaska Valley was WELMAR Recreational Products of Guelph, who supplied and installed the dasher boards at the Paul J Yakabuski Community Centre Renovation in 2022. The experience and work was satisfactory to the Township.

### **INQUIRY 3**

**Received via email February 13 2026**

**RE: Slope of asphalt should be 1% from centre**

Are you calling centre the red line where it's 80 ft from side to side which would be level ( all same elevation)

then sloping 1% for 90 ft in either direction to each end of the rink towards goal nets ?

Doing it this way you would encounter approximately 12 inches of slope

Or centre being continuous level elevation from goal end to goal end 180 ft and sloping 40 ft in each direction towards side boards.

Doing it this way you would encounter approximately 5 inches of slope.

I'm just concerned with when it comes to the installation of the boards they have to be level or all at the same elevation so there would be a significant difference. Also when flooding it will take a lot to build up the edges before getting a continuous ice surface.

### **ANSWER**

Confirming that the centre is considered the rink centre. The rink should have a high spot at centre at 1%, returning to level even surface and allowing the boards to be installed at the same elevation.

There are no concerns with flooding and creating ice with this slope.

### **INQUIRY 4**

**Received via email February 17 2026**

1. The 1% slope requirement. As it is not possible to slope 1% to both end of rink from rink center and side of rink to rink center as the measurements are different. can you confirm which axis to be used for the 1% slope.

2. Warranty section 2.14 states The bidder warrants that all goods to be supplied are free from defects in material, and design suitable for the purposes intended. Design being the key word.

Will any engineered design be required to be submitted for the component parts of the project?

4. If Answer is No does the township assume responsibility for any defects in its specifications as there is no engineering specifications, approval or oversight required in the tender documents.

5.Can I request an extension on the date for inquiries as your answers may bring new questions.

### **ANSWER**

1. The 1% slope requirement should be applied along the width of the rink (side to side) to minimize overall elevation changes. This should result in ~4.8” of elevation change from centre ice to the boards.
2. Engineered designs are not required to be submitted as part of this proposal.
3. The Township does not assume responsibility for any defects and it is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that construction complies with the requirements of the tender.
4. I am responding to this email before noon on February 18. I will accept additional inquiries until noon on February 19 from any potential bidder.

### **INQUIRY 5**

**Received via email Feb 18 2026**

Is there a spec you have for the sono tubes ? Diameter, depth, bolt type , rebar , footing or not etc.

### **ANSWER**

Any specifications for the sonotube installation should be provided by the dasher board company completing the install.

### **INQUIRY 6**

**Received via email Feb 19 2026**

Another question I have is : Would there be any objection to having a complete concrete slab for this project in lieu of the proposed hotmix asphalt ?

Concrete Slab to include : complete excavation and 12 inch granular A compacted base as per existing tender requirements, supply and place 6 inches of 32 Mpa concrete w/air entrainment and 6 gauge welded wire mesh.

This would eliminate the need for sono tubes.

## **ANSWER**

The proposal documents specify asphalt as the required surface for this project. Bidders are encouraged to submit a bid based on the specifications as issued.

However, as previously stated in a past inquiry, proponents may also submit an alternative proposal (e.g., a concrete slab) as a separate submission identified as an alternative. Any such alternative will be evaluated at the Township's discretion and must include sufficient detail to allow for proper review and comparison.

## **INQUIRY 7**

**Received via email February 19 2026**

In the picture shown of the existing asphalt surface there are multiple cracks that have been sealed. These cracks could manifest again in the unengineered rink surface.

1. Will the repair/sealing of these cracks be the responsibility of the contractor on an ongoing basis?
2. If yes, what is the time period the contractor will be responsible for?
3. Can you also specify the type/grade of gravel to be used under the asphalt.

## **ANSWER**

1. No. Ongoing repair or sealing of cracks after completion will not be the responsibility of the contractor. However, all workmanship must be completed to industry standards, and the finished asphalt surface must be free of defects at the time of acceptance.
2. N/A
3. Granular base material shall be Granular "A".

## **INQUIRY 8**

**Received via email February 19 2026**

Can the township provide a locate service to Identify all buried electrical wires in the location where construction will take place?

## **ANSWER**

The Township cannot confirm the locations of buried wires in the area where construction will take place and will not be providing a locate service to identify buried wires.