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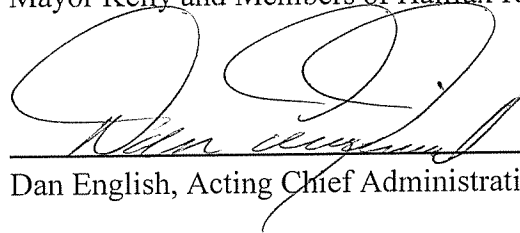


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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**August 17, 2004**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** August 9, 2004

**SUBJECT:** **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-263, Kings Road Bridge  
- Central Region**

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**ORIGIN**

Halifax Regional Council Meeting of August 19, 2003, item 8.2 - By-Law L-116, An Amendment to By-Law L-100, Respecting Local Improvement Charges - Kings Road Bridge Construction.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. approve an increase of \$82,373 in the amount of financial assistance for the construction of a one-lane bridge on Kings Road, with no net cost to HRM, such assistance not to exceed \$222,373.
2. award Tender No. 04-263, Kings Road Bridge to Amber Contracting Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a tender price of \$155,000, plus net HST, for a total of \$160,315 from Asset Account No. 1952, Deferred Charges Kings Road, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.
3. approve the appointment of Terrain Group Inc. for contract administration and construction inspection services for an estimated fee of \$6,000 plus net HST for a total of \$6,206 with funding as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

**BACKGROUND**

One of two existing bridges on the private portion of Kings Road was found to have deteriorated steel beams which made it necessary to restrict the load carrying capacity of the bridge thereby making it inaccessible to certain vehicles such as fire emergency, waste haulers, construction equipment, etc.

Halifax Regional Municipality has agreed to finance the construction of a new bridge and recover the costs through the levying of local improvement charges.

**DISCUSSION**

Tenders for this project were called on June 12, 2004 and closed on June 25, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
1. Amber Contracting Limited	\$189,700.00
2. A.C.L. Construction Limited	\$211,250.00
3. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$228,300.00

This project involves the construction of a single lane MABEY bridge to replace an existing bridge on Kings Road in Wellington. The work also includes the installation of timber crib abutments, guide rails, curbing and any required reinstatement.

Due to budget concerns, staff decided to reduce the scope of work by re-designing the bridge abutments. Amber Contracting, the low bidder, has agreed to the reduction in the work at a revised tender price of \$155,000, plus net HST for a total of \$160,315. With the inclusion of consultant design fees, inspection fees and work required in securing and maintaining a second access road during construction, the entire cost of the project is estimated at \$215,000 plus net HST. In order to fully recover this cost the interim Local Improvement Charge will increase from \$1707.00 per property to \$2,471.00 per property as described in By-Law L-116.

It is anticipated that construction will commence within three weeks of the tender award, subject to environmental approvals.

This is a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost will be dependant upon the actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

Since this project was designed by Terrain Group Inc. it is recommended that they be retained to provide construction inspection and administration services. The estimated fee for this service is \$6,000 plus applicable taxes.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$155,000, plus net HST, for a total of \$160,315, funding is available in Asset Account No. 1952, Deferred Charges Kings Road. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

**Budget Summary:                      Asset Account No. 1952, Deferred Charges Kings Road**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 117,803.89
Less: Tender 04-263	\$ 160,315.00
Less: Construction Inspection Service	\$ 6,206 .00
Less: Secondary Access Road	\$ 10,343.00
Less: Unforeseen works & material	\$ 23,312.89
Plus: Additional Funds	<u>\$ 82,373.00</u>
	\$ 0.00

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

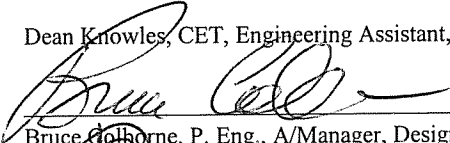
This report complies with the Municipality’s Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

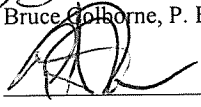
**ALTERNATIVES**

There are no recommended alternatives.

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