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

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Wayne Anstey, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 4, 2005

SUBJECT: **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-222, New Paving, Norwood Court - East Region**

ORIGIN

Halifax Regional Council meeting of September 6, 2005, Item 13.3, Amendment to By-Law S-400, Streets and Local Improvement Charges for the upgrading and paving of Norwood Court, a private street to public standards, and the improvement costs to be fully recoverable 100% by way of betterment charges at a rate to be determined to property owners who access their properties via Norwood Court.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject to Halifax Regional Council approving the Amendment to By-Law S-400, Streets and Local Improvement Charges for the upgrading and paving of Norwood Court, it is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. approve an increase in the 2005/06 Gross Capital Budget, and creation of a capital account, New Paving-Norwood Court, in the amount of \$125,804 with funding from levying Local Improvement Charges.
2. assign Local Improvement Charges to recover the full cost to upgrade Norwood Court, between Myra Road and the end, to acceptable Halifax Regional Municipality standards.
3. award Tender No. 04-222, Norwood Court (Myra Road to the end) - East Region to Basin Contracting Limited for a lump sum price of \$120,804 including net HST, and recover 100% of this cost from the residents as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Halifax Regional Council approved a report on September 13, 2005 that directs staff to provide to the residents (who access their properties via Norwood Court), on an interim basis, the actual costs of the project to upgrade Norwood Court, between Myra Road and the end, to Halifax Regional Municipality standards. Upon completion of this project, the Halifax Regional Municipality will levy Local Improvement Charges to recover the full cost to upgrade Norwood Court, between Myra Road and the end, to acceptable Halifax Regional Municipality standards as per the provisions that are in By-Law Number S-417.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on August 28, 2004 and closed on September 8, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Basin Contracting Limited	\$155,699.00
2. Lafarge Canada Inc	\$167,400.00
3. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$169,275.00
4. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$189,807.00

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of scarifying the proposed gravel subgrade which will be prepared by others, placing and compacting 200 mm gravel, asphaltic concrete, shoulder gravel, and reinstating existing driveway conditions.

Due to budget concerns, staff reduced the scope of work, by not including any ditching, storm sewer, and topsoil and sod. The owner coordinated efforts to complete these deleted items. Basin Contracting Limited, the low bidder, has agreed to the reduction in the work at a revised lump sum price of \$116,799, plus net HST for a total of \$120,804. With the inclusion of the owners coordinated work, the full cost of the project is estimated at \$121,633 plus net HST for a total project cost of \$125,804.

It is anticipated that construction will commence immediately after the tender award and be completed by October 31, 2005.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Upon completion of this project, the Halifax Regional Municipality will levy Local Improvement Charges to recover the full cost to upgrade Norwood Court, between Myra Road and the end, to acceptable Halifax Regional Municipality standards as per the provisions that are in By-Law Number S-417.

Budget Summary:

Capital Project-New Paving, Norwood Court

Requested Budget Increases	\$125,804
Less: Tender No. 04-222	\$120,804
Less: Owners Coordinated Work	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

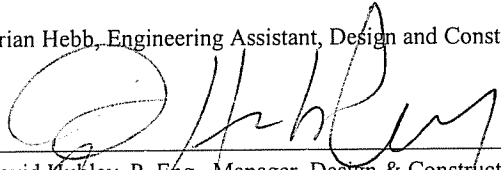
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation. If approved, this will increase the Capital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

ALTERNATIVES

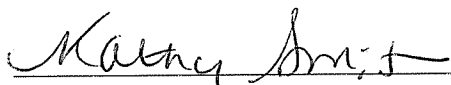
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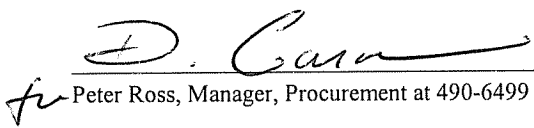
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