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> Halifax Regional Council May 29, 2007

TO:

Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Geri Kaiser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

for Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works

DATE:

May 18, 2007

SUBJECT:

Award - Unit Price Tender No. 07-207, Windsor Street at Kempt Road,

Intersection Improvements - West Region

ORIGIN

The Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- 1. award Tender No. 07-207, Windsor Street at Kempt Road Intersection Improvements West Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for material and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$2,329,634.80 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CTV00725 Lacewood Four Lane/Fairview Interchange, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.
- 2. approve the appointment of CBCL Limited to assist HRM staff with any technical inquiries relating to the projects design during the construction period for an estimated fee of \$5,000.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CTV00725, Lacewood Four Lane/Fairview Interchange, as outlined in th Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Municipal Planning Strategy addresses the immediate and future needs of the overall transportation system in HRM. Large scale projects do not constitute the only road projects that will be undertaken during the twenty-five year time frame of the Plan. Local road improvement projects and projects that provide access to growth centres will continue to be implemented as required.

The area defined within the scope of work for this project is the Kempt Road/Windsor Street intersection, which is part of the engineering design for the traffic improvements planned for the Fairview Interchange and MacKay Bridge approaches. The improvements to the Fairview Interchange will, in turn, be combined with the continuation of Lacewood Drive as a four-lane street all the way to Joseph Howe Drive. This will provide a stronger link and reduce traffic delays between the MacKay Bridge and the Fairview/Clayton Park area.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on April 25, 2007 and closed on May 11, 2007. Bids were received from the following companies:

Name of Company

Bid Price (Net HST Included)

Dexter Construction Company Limited
Ocean Contractors Limited

\$2,329,634.80* \$2,586,190.43

*recommended bidder

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the addition of a left turn lane from Windsor Street to Kempt Road; an additional through lane (westbound) on Kempt Road; the realignment of Bayne Street; the relocations of the access street from the Robie Street Connector to Bayne Street; and additional through lane from the Robie Street Connection toward Bedford.

It is anticipated that work will commence within two weeks of the tender award and take 12 weeks to complete.

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

Since this project was designed by CBCL Limited, it is recommended that they be retained to provide some technical expertise when required during the construction period. The estimated fee for this service is \$5,000.00 (net HST included). If approved, the payment to the consultant will be based on the amount of actual time spent on the project in accordance with the hourly fee quoted in the design proposal.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$2,329,634.80, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget from Account No. CTV00725 - Lacewood Four Lane/Fairview Interchange. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: <u>Capital Account No. CTV00725, Lacewood Four Lane/Fairview</u>

Interchange

Cumulative Unspent Budget \$3,707,870

Less: Tender No. 07-207 \$2,329,635*

Less: CBCL Limited Technical Services \$5,000

Balance \$1,373,235

The balance of funds will be used to implement the remaining 2007/08 Lacewood Four Lane/Fairview Interchange projects approved by Council.

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 to this course of action.

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^{*} This project was estimated at \$2,150,000.