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

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: June 18, 2007

SUBJECT: **Award of Tender No. 07-152**
Metro Transit Renovation- Phase II, 200 Ilsley Avenue

ORIGIN

Approved 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 Capital Budget Account No. CBU00876 - 200 Ilsley Upgrades.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 07-152 to White Rock Construction Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$556,241.00(net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CBU00876 - 200 Ilsley Upgrades, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Metro Transit requires upgrades to its major facility, located at 200 Ilsley Avenue, Burnside Industrial Park, Dartmouth NS. Metro Transit carries over 17 million transit passengers each year on more than 200 conventional buses, twenty paratransit vehicles, three community transit buses, and three harbour ferries. The majority of the Metro Transit bus fleet operates and is maintained and managed from the facility at 200 Ilsley Avenue. The majority of bus operators are dispatched from 200 Ilsley, which includes facilities to support this function. The operational centre and administration support for Metro Transit is also located at the facility.

The existing building is 25 years old and is in need of an upgrade in specific areas within the administration/control section of the building. The first phase of the intended renovations, encompassing the Control room area (1400 sq ft), is now complete. The completion of this phase has prepared the building for Phase II of the renovation.

Phase II of the renovation will include the transit operators' lounge, kitchen and locker rooms, the building entrance lobby, the training room, and several offices. The renovation will result in a more secure and inviting entrance to the building. As well, the lounge, locker rooms, and training area will accommodate the increasing number of bus operators. In particular, the lounge, where bus operators spend time between shifts, will be more functional, comfortable, and will create separate and different spaces within a larger space.

DISCUSSION

Company	Lump Sum Price (Before net HST)	Total Cost (incl. net HST)
White Rock Construction Ltd.	\$537,800	\$556,241
Gaudet Building Contractors Ltd.	\$550,085	\$568,947
Avondale Construction Limited	\$554,184	\$573,186
Blunden Construction Limited	\$592,100	\$612,403
J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Limited	\$625,250	\$646,690
Seagate Construction Inc.	\$750,000	\$775,718

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$556,241, including net HST, funding is available from Capital Account No. CBU00876 - 200 Ilsley Upgrades. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	Capital Account No. CBU00876	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$789,586.71
	Less: Tender No. 07-152	<u>\$556,241*</u>
	Balance	\$233,345.71

* This project was estimated in the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget at \$780,000

The balance of funds will be used for furniture, equipment and signage for this project.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

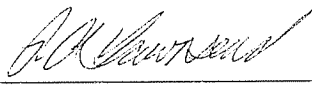
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

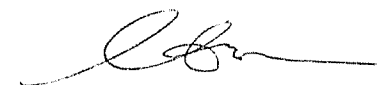
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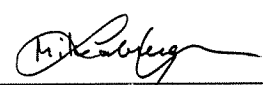
Council could choose not to approve this tender, but this is not recommended by staff.

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