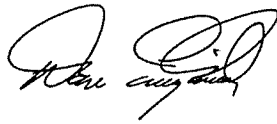


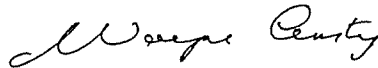
**Halifax Regional Council
September 11, 2007**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council



SUBMITTED BY:

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: August 27, 2007

SUBJECT: **Award - Unit Price Tender No. 07-273 Intersection Improvements - Central Region and Sidewalk Renewals - East and West Regions**

ORIGIN

The Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 07-273 Intersection Improvements - Central Region and Sidewalk Renewals - East and West Regions to Lafarge Canada Inc. for a Total Tender Price of \$162,280.10 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account Nos. CTR00905 - Intersection Improvement Program, CKU00783 - Sidewalk Renewals and CDG00271 - Capital District Downtown Streetscapes, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget includes funds for improving various intersections within HRM. The intersection of Kingswood Drive at Hammonds Plains Road meets or exceeds the warrants for improvements. It also includes funds for the replacement of concrete sidewalks because of their overall poor condition. The locations included in this tender meet or exceed the criteria for replacement.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on August 11, 2007, and closed on August 24, 2007. Bids were received from the following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Price</u> (Net HST Included)
Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$162,280.10*
Ocean Contractors Limited	\$170,244.13
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$182,035.04
Basin Contracting Limited	\$219,574.60

* **recommended bidder**

Intersection Improvements - Kingswood Drive at Hammonds Plains Road. The scope of work for this location generally consists of the widening of Kingswood Drive to create a right-hand turning lane including asphalt pavement, pavement markings, detector loops, ditch work and some landscaping.

Sidewalk Renewals - Clifton Street (E) North Street to Willow Street - West Region and Canal Street (E) Portland Street to Value Village - East Region. The scope of work for these locations generally consist of the replacement of the existing concrete sidewalk, concrete curb and gutter and reinstatement.

Sidewalk Renewal - Bishop Street (N) Barrington Street to Hollis Street - West Region
The scope of work for this location includes the replacement of the existing concrete sidewalk with ornamental concrete pavers and concrete in keeping with HRM's continuing community improvement initiatives.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award and take approximately five 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.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$162,280.10, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget from Account Nos. CTR00905 - Intersection Improvement Program, CKU00783 - Sidewalk Renewals and CDG00271 - Capital District Downtown Streetscapes. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Account No. CTR00905 - Intersection Improvement

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$367,695
Less: Tender No. 07-273	<u>\$ 24,580*</u>
Kingswood Dr. at Hammonds Plains Rd.	
Balance	\$343,115

Account No. CKU00783 - Sidewalk Renewals

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$831,867
Less: Tender No. 07-273	<u>\$ 99,509*</u>
Clifton Street & Canal Street	
Balance	\$732,358

Account No. CDG00271 - Capital District Downtown Streetscapes

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$460,860
Less: Tender No. 07-273	<u>\$ 38,191*</u>
Bishop Street	
Balance	\$422,669

*The projects included in this tender were estimated in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget at \$15,000, \$56,000 and \$40,000 respectively.

The remaining funds from these accounts are required to implement the remaining 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.

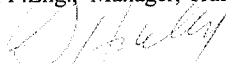
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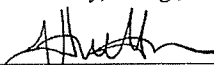
There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

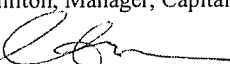
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