

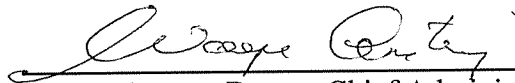
**Halifax Regional Council
September 11, 2007**

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. 07-274 Burnside Industrial Park
Intersection Improvements - East Region

ORIGIN

The Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommend that Council:

1. approve the transfer of \$846,040 from Capital Account No. CTV00725 - Lacewood Four Lane/Fairview Interchange to Account No. CTU00817 - Burnside/Commodore Intersection Expansion Program, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.
2. award Tender No. 07-274 Burnside Industrial Park Intersection Improvements - East Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$878,215.64 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account Nos. CTU00817 - Burnside/Commodore Intersection Expansion Program, 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 intersections of Burnside Drive at Ronald Smith Avenue and Ronald Smith Avenue at Ilsley Avenue meets or exceeds the warrants for improvements.

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)
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 878,215.64*
Ocean Contractors Limited	\$ 983,247.79
Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$1,042,564.32

*** recommended bidder**

The scope of work for this location generally consists of the the addition of a left turn and a right turn channelized lane on Burnside Drive onto Ronald Smith Avenue, a right turn channelized lane from Ilsley Avenue onto Ronald Smith Avenue including signal upgrades at both intersections, widening Burnside Drive from Ronald Smith Avenue to Highway 111 to create an extra lane and associated civil work.

It is anticipated that the civil portion of the work will commence immediately after award and take approximately six weeks to complete. Upon delivery of the traffic signal equipment (which takes 8 to 10 weeks to arrive) the work will be completed in 1 week.

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.

The transfer of funds from the Lacewood Drive project will not adversely affect its implementation or timing. Land acquisition associated with this project is complex and will take more time than originally planned.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

As per the recommendations section of this report \$846,040 is to be transferred from Capital Account No. CTV00725 - Lacewood Four Lane/Fairview Interchange to Account No. CTU00817 - Burnside/Commodore Intersection Expansion Program.

Budget Summary: Account No. CTV00725 - Lacewood Four Lane/Fairview Interchange

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$950,842
Less: Transfer to Account No. CTU00817	<u>\$846,040</u>
Balance	\$104,802

The delay on this project allows staff to recommend that the funds be transferred to the Burnside/Commodore Intersection project. A request for increase to this project will be made in the 08/09 Capital budget year in order to complete this project.

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$878,215.64, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget from Account No. CTU00817 - Burnside/Commodore Intersection Expansion. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Account No. CTU00817 - Burnside/Commodore Intersection Expansion

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$106,280
Plus: Transfer from Account No. CTV00725	\$846,040
Less: Tender No. 07-274	<u>\$878,216*</u>
Balance	\$ 74,104

*The project included in this tender was estimated in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget at \$1,200,000. The budget data was incorrectly entered as \$120,000 creating a need to mitigate funding between these two projects. Pending successful project completion the remaining funds will be returned to CTV00725.

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.

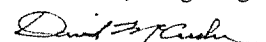
ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.


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