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Halifax Regional Council
June 10, 2008

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: May 30, 2008

SUBJECT: **Award - Unit Price Tender No. 08-245, Chebucto Road - Reversing Lane Project - West Region**

ORIGIN

The Approved 2007/08 and 2008/09 Capital Budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. award Tender No. 08-245, Chebucto Road - Reversing Lane Project - West Region to Basin Contracting Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$2,080,619.14 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CTV00732 - Rotary/Chebucto Reversing Lane, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.
2. approve an increase to the Capital Budget CTV00732 of \$510,000 with additional funding provided from a withdrawal from Account Q101 as outlined in the Budget Implication Section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2008/09 Capital Budget includes funds for the installation of a reversing lane along Chebucto Road and intersection improvements at the intersection of Chebucto Road, Mumford Road, and MacDonald Street. This project was included in the HRM Regional Plan and has been in the budget for the last two years.

On March 27, 2007, Regional Council authorized staff to offer the affected property owners the option of the Municipality purchasing only the land necessary for widening, with compensation defined as per the Expropriation Act, or the market value of their entire property. With respect to the later the properties purchased would be resold after the project is complete.

The purpose of this report is to approve an increase to the Capital Project with no net budget implications.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on May 10, 2008 and closed on May 23, 2008. Bids were received from the following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Price (Net HST Included)</u>
Basin Contracting Company	\$2,080,619.14* (<i>include cents</i>)
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$2,093,092.67
Ocean Contractors Limited	\$2,275,024.28

***recommended bidder**

The scope of work for this project includes the implementation of a reversing lane on Chebucto Road from the Mumford Intersection to the Armdale Roundabout as well as intersection improvements at the intersection of Chebucto Road, Mumford Road, and MacDonald Street. The reversing lane will consist of the existing three lane cross section with two lanes inbound from 12AM to 12PM and two lanes outbound from 12PM to 12AM and have 7 overhead lane designation signs along Chebucto Road for driver guidance. The intersection improvements include widening the intersection to a five lane cross section along Chebucto Road including some land acquisition, a new set of traffic signals, all new underground conduit, the replacement of the traffic controller and most of the traffic signal equipment including LED countdown pedestrian signals.

It is anticipated that work will commence within 3 weeks of the tender award and take 10 weeks to complete the civil portion of work and 2 weeks to complete the traffic signal portion of the work due to longer delivery times on the equipment.

In order to inform the affected property owners as well as the general public about the progress of

the project the following will be completed:

- Two variable message signs are included as part of the contract. They will be located at the Armdale Roundabout and Connaught Avenue;
- Public service announcements will be made on a regular basis; and
- Currently, the HRM design and construction services website has a “Construction Hot Spots” tab that lists ongoing construction projects. Chebucto Road is one of these projects (<http://www.halifax.ca/designcon/cons/ConstructionHotSpots.html>).

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 \$2,080,619.14, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2008/09 Capital Budget from Account No. CTV00732 - Rotary Conversion/Chebucto Reversing Lane. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Approval of this report will result in an increase to Capital Projects CTV00732 - Rotary Conversion/Chebucto Reversing Lane for \$510,000 to be funded through a withdrawal from the Sale of Capital Assets Reserve Q101. The business case for Sale of Capital Assets Reserve Q101 states “funds may be used for capital expenditures for which the municipality may borrow”. Acquisition of land and temporary construction easements for the Chebucto Road infrastructure meets this objective.

The capital account for Road Corridor Land Acquisition CTU00897 is used to acquire land needed for new roadways or roadway expansion identified in the HRM Regional Plan. Although it was originally intended that property acquisition would be covered under the capital account for the roadway project, the tender price exceeded the budget estimate, necessitating the need to apply the land acquisition account.

Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CTV00732, Rotary Conversion/Chebucto Reversing Lane

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$2,629,286
Plus: Budget Increase (via Q101)	
Property Sale	\$ 245,000
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Property Sale	\$ 265,000
Less: Tender No. 08-245	<u>\$ 2,080,619*</u>
Balance	\$1,058,667

CTU00897 Road Corridor Land Acquisition

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 450,602
Less: Property Purchases	\$ 265,000
	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
Balance	\$ 110,602

* This project was estimated in the Approved 2008/09 Capital Budget at \$1,800,000.

The balance of funds, not required to complete property acquisition, will be remain in this account for future traffic projects.

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. Approval of this report will increase the gross capital budget.

ALTERNATIVES


There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.


ATTACHMENT


Attachment 'A' - Design Drawing

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