

**Halifax Regional Council  
September 30, 2008**

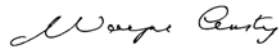
**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council



**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

**DATE:** September 9, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Award - RFP # 08-121, Consulting Services - Quinpool "Your  
Neighbourhood Mainstreet " Streetscape Phase 1 and 2

**ORIGIN**

The Approved 2008/2009 Capital Budget

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council award RFP # 08-121, Consulting Services - Quinpool "Your Neighbourhood Mainstreet " Streetscape Phase 1 and 2 to the highest scoring proponent, Terrain Group for a total cost of \$503,268.96 with funding from Capital Account No.CDG00271, Downtown Streetscapes as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Approved 2008/09 Capital Budget includes funds for the Phase 1 - Public Consultation, Schematic Design Options (2) and Cost Estimates, and Phase 2 - detailed Design and Construction Documents of the Quinpool Road Streetscape between Robie Street and Preston / Monastery Avenues.

This project is being undertaken to achieve a refined design vision for Quinpool Road for approval by Regional Council and subsequent implementation based upon the approved Capital District Streetscape Plan (2004).

Subject to feedback from public and stakeholder consultation, the design is expected to include:

- Undergrounding of all overhead utilities;
- Installation of natural gas pipelines in coordination with these efforts to minimize disruption;
- Road and sidewalk repair and / or replacement;
- New street / pedestrian lighting;
- Improved pedestrian circulation and movement opportunities (subject to traffic modelling);
- Pedestrian amenity areas for sidewalk cafes, outdoor sales, seating areas, interpretive signage and wayfinding systems, comfortable bus shelters, etc;
- Restoration of the Ben's Bakery sculpture and provision of new public art;
- New street furnishings (benches, bike racks, butt stops, litter containers, etc.);
- Protection of existing and provision of new street trees (hardy species, mature size, etc.);
- A response to micro-climate, particularly in relation to trees and sun / shade;
- Contextual response to the existing adjacent open space resources of the Halifax Common and "Parker Park" as well as the Citadel, Bengal Lancers and Museum of Natural History;
- Sustainable design principles;
- Street maintenance and snow removal issues; and,
- Repair / replacement of HRWC infrastructure as necessary.

## **DISCUSSION**

RFP # 08-121, Consulting Services - Quinpool “Your Neighbourhood Mainstreet “ Streetscape Phase 1 and 2 was publically advertised on August 6, 2008 and closed on August 22, 2008.

Two (2) proposals were received as follows:

SNC Lavelin  
Terrain Group

The Proposals were evaluated by staff and the chair of the Quinpool Road Business Association and facilitated by Procurement based on the criteria listed in Appendix A, Proposal Evaluation Criteria. The recommended proponent scored highest in all technical categories. The final scoring is as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Score (Max 1000)</b>
Terrain Group	896
SNC Lavelin	820

This is a Three (3)Stage project with Construction and Administration being the final phase. The costs represented in the RFP and responses were based on Phase 1 and 2 of the project. It is expected that HRM will negotiate the costs of consulting services for the Construction Phase of the project with the successful Proponent of this RFP.

The Terrain Group Proposal represents a partnership between Terrain Group, Gordon Ratcliffe Landscape Architects, Jacques Whitford, Electec Engineering, and Alan Baxter and Associates, with Terrain Group as the lead consultant.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Funding is available in the Approved 2008/09 Capital Budget Account No.CDG00271 - Downtown Streetscapes. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services and the requisition has been adjusted in the Financial System.

### **Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CDG00271**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 780,586.95
Less: <b>RFP # 08-121</b>	\$ 503,268.96
Balance	\$ 277,317.99

The project was estimated in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget at \$609,000.

The balance of funds will be used to implement the 2008/09 Streetscape 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.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**Appendix A - Evaluation Criteria**

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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**Appendix A**  
**Proposal Evaluation Criteria**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Max Score</b>	<b>Terrain</b>	<b>SNC Lavelin</b>
Compliance with the Terms of Reference	Mandatory	Yes	Yes
Project Team and Lead	75	75	65
Recent Experience Related to Projects of a Similar Nature: References	75	70	55
Experience of team in working together	50	45	35
Performance on Previous HRM Projects	50	45	40
Understanding of Project Objectives and Associated Issues	150	140	100
Methodology	200	190	170
Consideration of Innovative Options and Solutions	100	100	80
Work Schedule	50	45	40
Overall Proposal Quality	50	50	35
Fee Schedule	200	136	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>896</b> <b>\$503,268.96</b> <b>(net HST included)</b>	<b>820</b> <b>\$341,998.33</b> <b>(net HST included)</b>