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Halifax Regional Council
October 7, 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: September 26, 2008

SUBJECT: **Award - Tender No. 08-177, Halifax Commons Fountain Electrical Upgrade**

ORIGIN

The 2007/08 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No.08-177 - Halifax Commons Fountain Electrical Upgrade to Ainsworth Inc. for a Total Tender Price of \$201,195.26 (net HST included) with funding from CPU00928 and CPX01023 Parks Upgrades as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Overhaul and upgrade of electrical services to eliminate electrical code and safety issues is overdue for the 1967 built Halifax Commons Fountain.

Control and power equipment energised from electrical services in the underground vault is not equipped with ground fault protection and is exposed to the environment, leading to deterioration. Operation crews work in the confined space requiring extra safety precautions.

To address safety and code issues, it is proposed to abandon existing services and install new high voltage ground fault protected lines. A new above ground electrical room will be constructed as an addition to the existing washroom building to provide adequate space. Provisions will also be made to accommodate power for concessions and special events.

Nova Scotia Power agreed to deliver new services lines to accommodate these changes and modifications required by the new condominium development.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were publically advertised on Saturday, August 30 and Wednesday, September 3, 2008 and closed September 16, 2008. Bids were received from the following bidders.

The lowest bid tender came in higher than the anticipated price and additional funds were required

Company	Lump Sum Price (before net HST)	Total Cost (Net HST included)
Ainsworth Inc.	\$194,525.00	\$201,195.26*
Black & McDonald	\$209,537.00	\$216,722.02
Bird Construction Company	\$218,000.00	\$225,475.22
White Rock Construction	\$318,999.00	\$329,937.47

* recommended bidder

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$201,195.26 (net HST included), funding is available in the approved Capital Budget from Capital Account Nos. CPU00928 (2007/080) Parks Upgrades and CPX01023 (2008/09) Parks Upgrades. The requisition has been adjusted in SAP.

Budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	Capital Account No. CPU00928 - Parks Upgrades
	Res# 1329.11
	Cumulative Unspent Budget
	\$85,000.00
	Less: Tender No.08-177
	<u>\$85,000.00</u>
	Balance
	\$ 0.0

Budget Summary:	Capital Account No. CPX01023 - Parks Upgrades
	Res# 1428.3
	Cumulative Unspent Budget
	\$161,715.65
	Less: Tender No. 08-177
	<u>\$116,195.26</u>
	Balance
	\$ 45,520.39

* This project was estimated in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget at \$85,000.00. Additional funds were required from the 2008/09 Budget.

The balance of funds will be used for Parks Upgrades.

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

Council could choose not to award this tender, but this is not a recommended alternative.

ATTACHMENTS

None


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