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Halifax Regional Council  
July 4, 2006

**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

**DATE:** June 28, 2006

**SUBJECT:** 2006-07 Area Rated Local Improvement Charge for Project 05-281

**ORIGIN**

Request from Councillor Smith on June 27, 2006 for additional information.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that :

An area rate of \$0.0091 per \$100 of assessed value be applied to the residential, resource and commercial assessment (excluding business occupancy) within the mapped area shown in the attached CAO Award Report dated August 25, 2005 for the purpose of funding the cost incurred in 2005-06 for construction of a new sidewalk on Highfield Park Drive as part of Project 05-281. This area rate will be of one year duration only and will expire after the 2006-07 Fiscal Year.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Approved 2005-06 Capital Budget included construction of a new sidewalk on Highfield Park Drive. The installation of new concrete sidewalks is subject to a Local Improvement Charge (LIC). Based on a rate of \$22.71 per foot of frontage, the total cost was determined to be \$6,869.78. This amount is to be recovered by an area rate over a portion of District 9 as shown in the map attached to the CAO Award Report dated August 25, 2005.

## **DISCUSSION**

LIC area rates are included on property tax billings in the fiscal year following the year in which the work is completed. It must be approved as part of the Operating Budget for the following fiscal year based on the most recent assessment roll to ensure the rate is correctly calculated to recover the required amount which, in this case, is \$6,869.78. Therefore, the area rate cannot be determined at the time the project is approved.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Since this portion of the capital project is fully funded from an area rate, there is no impact on the Approved General Operating Budget.

## **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

## **ATTACHMENTS**

CAO Award Report dated August 25, 2005: "Award of Unit Tender No. 05-281, Traffic Improvements and New Sidewalk, Dartmouth - East Region"

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.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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Report Approved by:

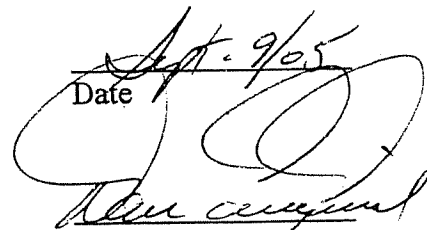
  
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**CAO Award Report**

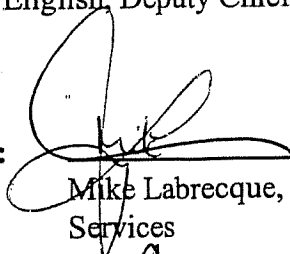
**TO:** George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
Approved

Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

*Sept. 9/05*  
Date  
  
Approved

**SUBMITTED BY:**



Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works  
Services



Peter Ross, Manager, Procurement

**DATE:** August 25, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Award of Unit Price Tender No. 05-281, Traffic Improvements and  
New Sidewalk, Dartmouth - East Region

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**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that HRM award Tender No. 05-281, Traffic Improvements and New Sidewalk, Dartmouth - East Region, to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$278,900 including net HST from Capital Account No. CTR00905, Traffic Improvements and Capital Account No. CJU00719, New Sidewalks, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of this report.

**BACKGROUND**

The Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget included funds for the Traffic Improvements on Victoria Road, Service Road at Jackson Road and for the New Sidewalk on Highfield Park Drive from Victoria Road to existing sidewalk.

**DISCUSSION**

Tenders were called on July 20, 2005 and closed on August 5, 2005. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
1. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$269,653.00
2. Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$297,500.00
3. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$319,880.00
4. Basin Contracting Limited	\$400,615.00

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the realignment of medians, curb and gutter, pavement markings and relocating light standards and traffic signals to accommodate the proposed traffic improvements. The work on Highfield Park Drive generally consists of the construction of a new concrete sidewalk.

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

The installation of new concrete sidewalk is subject to Local Improvement Charges. As requested by Councillor Jim Smith, Local Improvement Charges of \$6,869.78 based on the 2005/06 rate of \$22.71 per foot of frontage will be recovered by a general area rate over a portion of District 9 as shown on the attached map.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$269,653 plus net HST for a total project cost of \$278,900, funding is available in the Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget from Account No. CTR00905, Traffic Improvements and from Account No. CJU00719, New Sidewalks. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

<b>Budget Summary:</b>	<b><u>Capital Account No. CTR00905, Traffic Improvements</u></b>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$443,975
	Less: Tender No. 05-281	<u>\$227,190*</u>
		\$216,785
	<b><u>Capital Account No. CJU00719, New Sidewalks</u></b>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$877,175
	Less: Tender No. 05-281	<u>\$ 51,710*</u>
	Less: Tender No. 05-285	<u>\$293,480</u>
		\$531,985

\* The projects included in this tender were estimated in the Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget at \$240,000.

Victoria Road	\$200,000
Highfield Park Drive	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
	\$240,000

The remaining funds from these accounts are required to implement the remaining 2005/06 Traffic Improvements and New Sidewalks projects approved by Council.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

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**ALTERNATIVES**

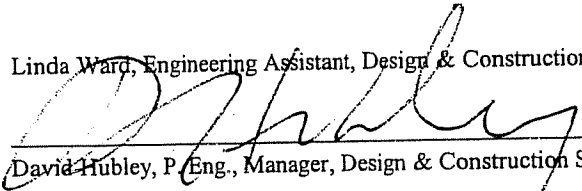
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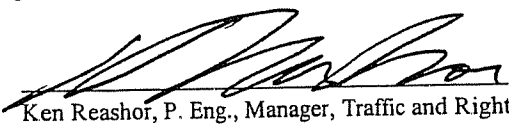
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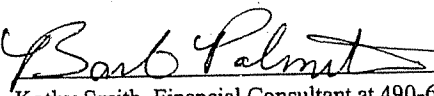
1. Map showing portion of District 9 to be affected by area rate.

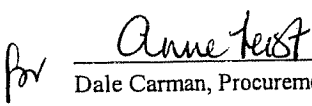
Copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Procurement Dept. at 490-4170, or Fax 490-6425.

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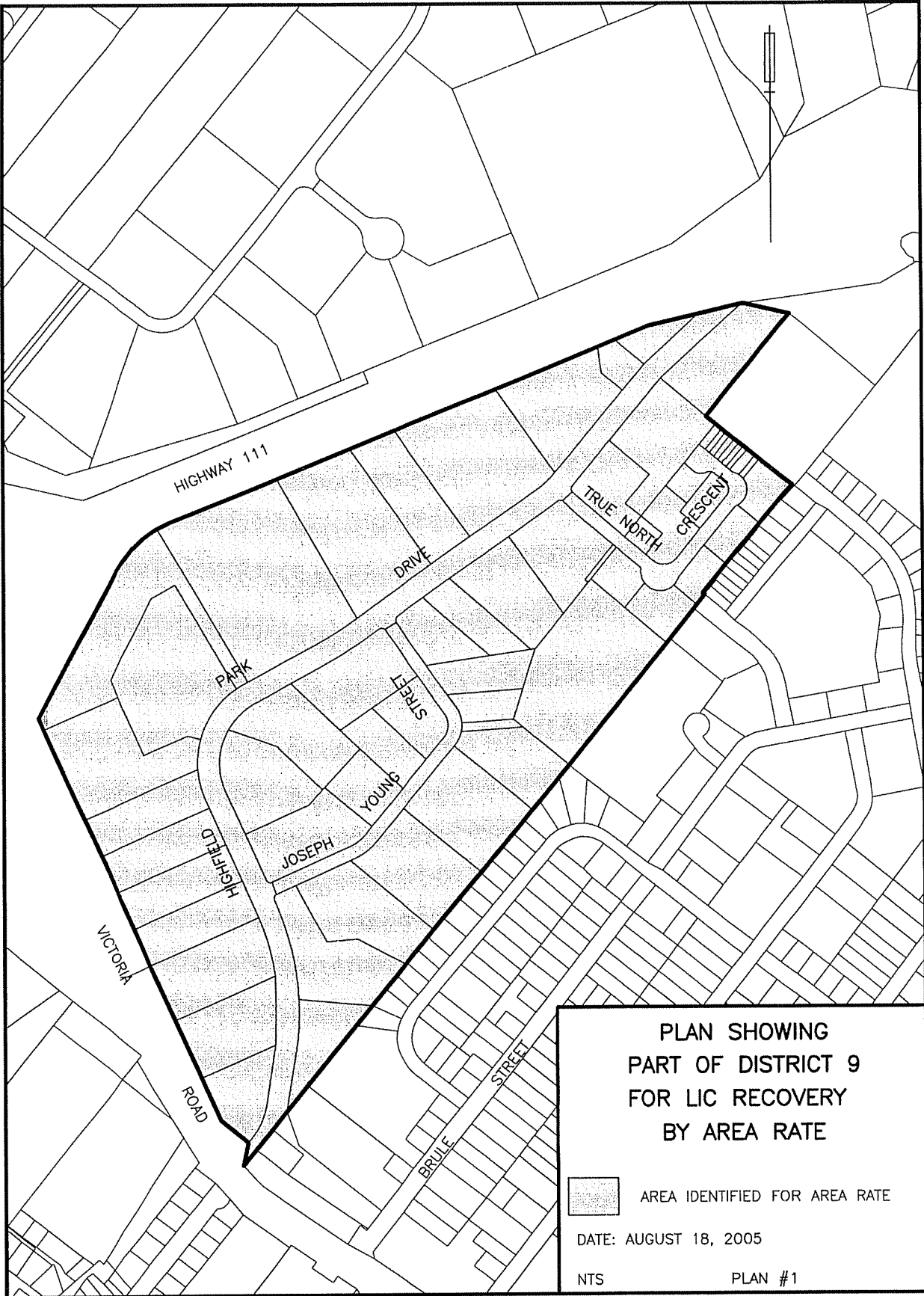
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**PLAN SHOWING  
PART OF DISTRICT 9  
FOR LIC RECOVERY  
BY AREA RATE**

 AREA IDENTIFIED FOR AREA RATE

DATE: AUGUST 18, 2005

NTS PLAN #1