

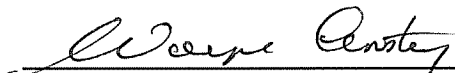
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Halifax Regional Council
March 21, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 6, 2006

SUBJECT: **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 05-217R, Crescent Avenue Pumping Station Upgrade - West Region**

ORIGIN

The Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget and the Approved Advanced 2006/07 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. award Tender No. 05-217R, Crescent Avenue Pumping Station Upgrade - West Region to J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$593,528 including net HST from Capital Account No. CGU00579, Crescent Avenue Pumping Station, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of this report.
2. approve the appointment of SNC-Lavalin Inc. for construction inspection services for a total of \$56,886 including net HST with funding as outlined in the Budget Implications Section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget and the Approved Advanced 2006/07 Capital Budget included funds for the upgrade of the Crescent Avenue Pumping Station. This station was constructed in 1960 and is located at the end of Crescent Avenue on the shore of Chocolate Lake. During rainfall events of approximately 25 mm or greater this station may experience an overflow of sewage into Chocolate Lake. As part of the Wastewater Pumping Stations and Forcemain Study (2003), a number of upgrades were recommended to replace various components that have reached the end of their service life and to bring this station into compliance. The purpose of this construction tender is to implement these recommendations and other required work.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on February 8, 2006 and closed on March 1, 2006. The following bids were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited	\$573,850.00
2. A.C.L. Construction Limited	\$694,500.00
3. Amber Contracting Limited	\$874,750.00

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the demolition of the existing building; installation of sanitary sewer forcemains, gravity sewer and manhole; construction of a new generator building; modifications to the existing wet and dry well structure; construction of a new flowmeter and valve chamber; installation of new pumping equipment and associated piping, and mechanical and electrical upgrades.

Since this project was designed by SNC-Lavalin, it is recommended that they be retained to provide construction inspection and administration services. The estimated fee for this service is \$55,000 plus applicable taxes. If approved, the payment to the consultant will be based on the amount of actual time spent on the project in accordance with the hourly fees quoted in the design proposal.

It is anticipated that work will commence after the tender is awarded and as weather permits in the Spring of 2006.

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 \$573,850, plus \$55,000 for contract administration and inspection and net HST for a total project cost of \$650,414, funding is available in the Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget and the Approved Advanced 2006/07 Capital Budget from Account No. CGU00579, Crescent Avenue Pumping Station. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Account No. CGU00579, Crescent Avenue Pumping Station

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$731,000
Less: Tender 05-217R	\$593,528
Less: Construction Inspection Services	<u>\$ 56,886</u>
Remaining Unspent Budget	\$ 80,586

* This project was estimated at \$733,000

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 chose not to award this tender and the upgrades would not be carried out. If this alternative is chosen, sewage overflows into Chocolate Lake will continue, and the station will likely require more frequent emergency repairs to fix various aging components. This alternative is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

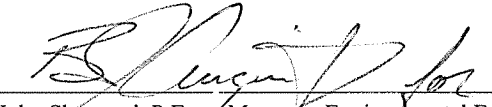
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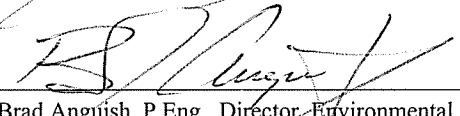
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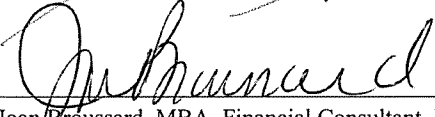
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