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Halifax Regional Council
March 21, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Wayne Anstey, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 16, 2006

SUBJECT: **Award of Tender No . 05-167**
Halifax Commons Skatepark Expansion

ORIGIN

Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT: Regional Council approve the award of Tender No. 05-167 Halifax Commons Skatepark Expansion to Dexter Construction Company Limited, for a total tender price of \$543,519.40 (including net HST). Funding is available as per Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The existing concrete skatepark known as the “bowl” at the Commons was built in 1995 . Since this time skateboarding and BMX biking have continued to grow in popularity. Over the years participants made many attempts to build rogue ramps on which to skateboard. However with such practice being unacceptable due to liability to the Municipality, staff approached this community of skaters in 2003 on a strategy to plan a new skatepark. In the winter of 2004 the Halifax Commons Skatepark Coalition was officially formed , and have been working closely with staff on the planning and funding lobby for this facility.

Given the specialized nature of skatepark design, a nationally- recognized skatepark designer, Jim Barnum of Spectrum Skatepark Creations Ltd was hired in November, 2004 to design the expansion with input from members of the Coalition.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were publicly advertised and closed on October 19, 2005. Bids were received from the following bidders:

Company	Lump Sum Price (Before net HST)	Total Cost (incl. net HST)
Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	\$525,500.00	\$543,519.40
Ocean Contractors Limited	\$820,000.00	\$848,117.80
Duron Atlantic Limited	\$840,000.00	\$868,803.36

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$543,519.40 (including net HST), funding is available from Accounts No. CPC00682-Skateboarding Facilities in the amount of \$499,904.37, CP300854-Skateboard Facilities(06/07), Res.# 1048 in the amount of \$8,615.03 and CCV00664- District 14 Capital Funds in the amount of \$35,000. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

Capital Account No. CPC00682 (Res # 860 Line # 1) - Skateboarding Facilities

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$499,904.37
Less: Tender No. 05-167	<u>- 499,904.37</u>
Remaining Uncommitted Funds	\$ 0

**Capital Account No. CP300854 (Res # 1048) - Skateboarding Facilities (Advance
06/07 Funding)**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$120,000.00
Less: Tender No. 05-167	<u>- 8,615.03</u>
Remaining Uncommitted Funds	\$111,384.97

Capital Account No. CCV00664 - District 14 Capital Funds

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 6,805.00
Reservation 891	35,000.00
Less: Tender No. 05-167	<u>- 35,000.00</u>
Remaining Uncommitted Funds	\$ 6,805.00

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 not approve this tender, but this is not the recommended by staff.

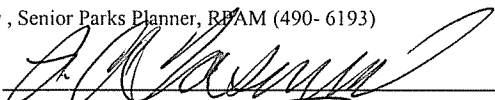
ATTACHMENTS

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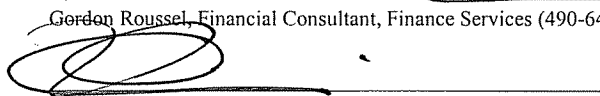
Business Unit Reviewed:


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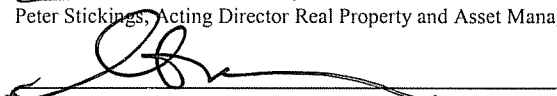
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