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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: February 17, 2010

SUBJECT: Award - Unit Price Tender No. 10-201 Washmill Lake Court Extension

Phase 1 - West Region

ORIGIN

This report originates with:

- The Approved Restated 2009/10 Capital Budget.
- The Approved Advanced 2010/11 Capital Budget.
- Halifax Regional Council's Award of RFP No. 08-325.
- Halifax Regional Council's October 7, 2008 approval of Capital Project CQ300748 Washmill Lake Court/102 Underpass/Regency Park Drive Development.
- Halifax Regional Council's June 2, 2009 Approval-In-Principle of the Business Parks Development Functional Plan, Bayers Lake/Ragged Lake.
- Halifax Regional Council's September 8, 2009 approval of the Washmill Lake Court Extension/Hwy 102 Overpass project under the Federal Infrastructure Program Project List.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 10-201, Washmill Lake Court Extension Phase 1 - West Region to Brycon Construction Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$2,073,751.45 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CQ300748, Washmill Lake Court/102 Underpass, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Bayers Lake Business Park (BLBP) is presently constructed by having only two entrance/exits for the park. The addition of a third entrance/exit is a prerequisite for continued development in the BLBP, and to reduce traffic backlogs and congestion. Until such transportation improvements are made, the remaining 200+ acres of undeveloped land with the present business park boundaries will remain largely undeveloped. The SGE Acres Governor's Lake Transportation Study prepared for HRM and the Province in 2002 recommended the extension of Washmill Lake Court under the Highway #102 and connecting with Regency Park Drive. The requirement for this connection is a key deliverable in the Business Parks Development Functional Plan, Bayers Lake/Ragged Lake, approved-in-principle by Regional Council June 2, 2009.

The currently proposed extension and alignment of Washmill Lake Court under Highway 102, and connection with Regency Park Drive adds another entrance to the BLBP. This alternate access to the park will provide access for residents of Fairview, Clayton Park, Mainland South, Peninsula Halifax, and will reduce traffic loading on Lacewood Drive. The provision of this infrastructure is intended to relieve existing and future traffic pressures while also allowing for continuing development in this economic centre of HRM.

The Approved Restated 2009/10 and Approved Advanced 2010/11 Capital Budgets include funds in the amount of \$2,500,000 for this project, as described as the Budget Implications Section of this report.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on February 6, 2010, and closed on February 19, 2010. Bids were received from the following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u> <u>Bid Price</u> (net HST included)

Brycon Construction Limited	\$ 2,073,751.45*
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 2,844,225.10

*recommended bidder

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the construction of a portion of a 4-lane detour roadway to the subgrade level located immediately east of Highway 102, extension of storm water culverts and construction of a temporary storm water retention pond west of Highway 102 and all necessary environmental protection requirements including monitoring and treatment of all storm water runoff at the temporary retention pond.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award and take 12 weeks to complete with the temporary detour road (to subgrade) being completed in six weeks.

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 \$2,073,751.45 (net HST included), funding is available in the Approved 2009/10 and the Approved Advanced 2010/11 Capital Account No. CQ300748 - Washmill Lake Court/102 Underpass. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CQ300748, Washmill Lake Court/102 Underpass

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 2,500,000
Less: Tender No. 01-201	\$ 2,073,752 *
Balance	\$ 426,248

^{*} This total project was estimated at \$10,000,000. This report addresses the funding for the first phase of the total project cost only which was estimated at \$2,000,000. The total project will be 2/3 cost shared through the infrastructure stimulus program with the remaining 1/3 funding coming from the Business Parks reserve O121.

The balance of funds will be used to implement the remaining 2010/11 Washmill Lake Court/102 Underpass.

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

Key plan.

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