

Item No. 11.1.2

Halifax Regional Council

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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

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Jane Fraser, Director, Planning and Infrastructure

DATE: February 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Award - Unit Price Tender No. 14-222, Captain William Spry Centre
Driveway Extension - Spryfield – West Region

ORIGIN

The Approved 2013/14 Project Budget, Supplemental Report page C8.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Under the HRM Charter, Section 79 Halifax Regional Council may expend money for municipal purposes. Administrative Order #35, the Procurement Policy, requires Council to approve the award of contracts for sole sources exceeding \$50,000 or \$500,000 for tenders and RFP's.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Municipality award Tender No. 14-222, Captain William Spry Centre Driveway Extension, Spryfield – West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$790,487.88 (net HST included), with funding from Project No. CDV00734 – Streetscaping in Center Hubs/Corridors, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2013/14 Project Budget includes funds for the driveway extension to Herring Cove Road from Captain William Spry Community Centre in Spryfield.

In 2006/07 funds were set aside in the Service Improvement Reserve for modifications to the Captain William Spry Centre to improve building efficiencies and service delivery. The Herring Cove Road Streetscape project identified opportunities to increase the Centres' presence within the community, in part by improving access to and from the site and enhancing outdoor experiences. In addition, the buildings' interior renovations, an objective at the time, were also to provide new amenities to support and enhance programming.

In August 2009, construction of the improvements to the exterior of the Community Centre site began. Significant upgrades to the facility included:

- the installation of a pedestrian bridge over the MacIntosh Run;
- the creation of a 6000 square foot skateboard park;
- existing entrance roadway and plaza improvements.

The construction of Captain William Spry Centre Road Extension in 2014 represents the final phase of the recapitalization master plan. The addition of a second point of entry, the road extension along the McIntosh Run and connecting with Herring Cove Road, will allow greater visibility to the new skate park and help alleviate CPTED safety concerns. It will also provide additional parking for patrons, improve the flow of traffic and reduce congestion in the parking area at the main entrance to the Centre.

The Captain William Spry Centre was identified in the 2005 Herring Cove Streetscape project as a priority and the road extension project will assist in creating a more visible, vibrant, and appropriately programmable site. Open spaces will be enhanced to provide a landscape better suited for community events, recreation and play.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called and posted to the Province of Nova Scotia's Procurement website on January 14, 2014, and closed on January 29, 2014. Bids were received from following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Price (net HST included)</u>
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$790,487.88 *
Brycon Construction Limited	\$849,930.90
Basin Contracting Limited	\$1,161,641.75
Atlantic Road Construction and Paving	\$1,455,691.77

***recommended bidder**

Scope of Work and Schedule:

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the construction of a new driveway from the Captain William Spry Community Centre to Herring Cove Road. The work includes earthworks, storm sewer, street construction, bridge installation, landscaping, lighting and other associated works.

It is anticipated that work will take 12 weeks to complete. The work shall commence in spring, as weather conditions permit and as required by the environmental approval for works within a watercourse.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

Risk Identification:

This is a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost will be dependent upon the actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

Work within the watercourse must be conducted between June 1, 2014, and September 30, 2014, as site conditions permit. Significant weather events can affect the schedule.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$758,000.00, plus net HST of \$32,487.88, for a net total of \$790,487.88, funding is available in the Approved 2013/14 Project Budget from Project No. CDV00734 – Streetscaping in Center Hubs/Corridors. The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

Budget Summary:

**Project Account No. CDV00734 -
Streetscaping in Center Hubs/Corridors**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$869,536.67
Less: Tender No. 14-222	<u>\$790,487.88 *</u>
Balance	\$ 79,048.79

*This project was estimated in the Approved 2013/14 Project Budget at \$990,000.

The balance of funds will be used to implement the remaining 2013/14 Streetscaping in Center Hubs/Corridors projects approved by Council. Included in this work is implementation of a tot lot adjacent to the main entrance of the Captain William Spry Centre and a site planting plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The project requires an environmental approval from Nova Scotia Environment department to construct a bridge within a watercourse. As part of the environmental approval, HRM has agreed to provide wetland compensation in the amount of \$2,362.00 to the Macintosh Run

Watershed Association to manage and execute a riparian tree planting program in order to offset the impacts of the project.

ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose not to approve the recommendations in this report, but this is not recommended by staff.

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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