

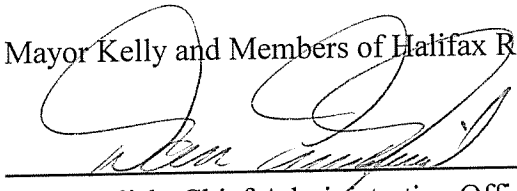
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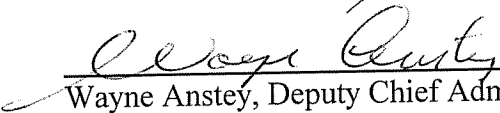


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Halifax Regional Council
September 26, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer


Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: September 15, 2006

SUBJECT: **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 06-273 Overhead Sign Structure Replacement - West Region**

ORIGIN

The Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

1. authorize an increase to the Gross budget of Account No. CRU00584 - Other Road Related Works Streets & Roads Gravel Road Maintenance, by \$78,865 with no change in the net budget to cover cost sharing from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works (NSTPW).
2. award Tender No. 06-273 Overhead Sign Structure Replacement - West Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$157,730 including net HST from the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget Account No. CRU00584 - Other Road Related Works Streets & Roads Gravel Road Maintenance, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget includes funds for other related road works. Included in this account are funds for the repair or replacement of overhead sign structures. These structures, over time, require upgrading, repairs etc., because of age related problems, vehicle collisions or as in this case a combination of age and undue stress from Hurricane Juan.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on August 2, 2006 and closed on August 16, 2006. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$152,500.00
2. Black & McDonald Limited	\$184,680.00

The scope of work for this tender includes the design, supply, fabrication, delivery and installation of a monotube overhead sign structure on the existing bases on the Bedford Highway near the Fairview Overpass. The structure (approximately 30 years old) was removed after Hurricane Juan due to its age and damage suffered as a result of the hurricane. An application is in progress for federal assistance in the replacement of this structure under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) program.

It is anticipated that work will commence sixteen weeks after the tender award due to the delays anticipated in acquiring the necessary equipment from the suppliers.

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 \$152,500.00, plus net HST, for a Total Tender Price of \$157,730, funding is available in the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget from Account No. CRU00584 - Other Road Related Works Streets & Roads Gravel Road Maintenance. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: **Account No. CRU00584, Other Road Related Works Streets & Roads
Gravel Road Maintenance**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$409,717
Plus: NSTPW Cost Sharing	\$ 78,865
Less: Tender No. 06-273	<u>\$157,730 *</u>
	\$330,852

* This project was recently estimated at \$100,000.

As a result of cost sharing from the NSTPW, the net cost to Capital Account No. CRU00584 is \$78,865. If this project satisfies the requirements under the DFAA program, the federal contribution will be transferred into this account.

The remaining funds from these accounts are required to implement the remaining 2006/07 projects approved by Council.

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. If approved this will increase the 2006/07 Capital Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

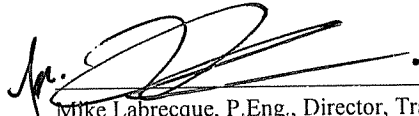
ATTACHMENT


Signed letter from Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works (NSTPW) dated August 17, 2006, confirming the cost sharing agreement.

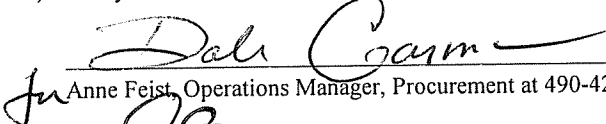
A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

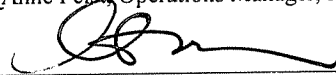
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert R. Bieren, P. Eng., Nova Scotia Transportation and Public Works

CC: David Hubley, P.Eng., Manager, Design & Construction
Jeff Spares, P.Eng., Sr. Design Engineer, Design & Construction

FROM: Tanya Davis, P.Eng., Design & Construction

DATE: August 17, 2006

SUBJECT: **Tender 06-273 - Overhead Sign Structure Replacement**

Tender 06-273 - Overhead Sign Structure Replacement, Bedford Highway, closed August 16, 2006. The low bidder was Dexter Construction Company Limited at \$157 730 including net HST. Prior to tender award, a cost sharing agreement must be finalized between HRM and NSTPW.

In the most recent discussions on this subject, NSTPW has agreed to pay 50% of the cost of the construction. This includes all costs associated with the replacement of the structure.

Based on the low bidder's total tender price and the above cost sharing, NSTPW's costs for Tender 06-273, Overhead Sign Structure Replacement, can be summarized as follows:

Overhead Sign Structure Replacement	\$ 76 250
plus net HST	\$ 2 615
Project Total for NSTPW	<u>\$ 78 865</u>

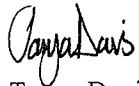
Actual cost sharing for this project will be based on final quantities determined during construction.

If you agree to this arrangement, please indicate by signing the enclosed copy and returning it to me. If you have any questions, please call me at 490-6821.

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Mr. Robert Bieren
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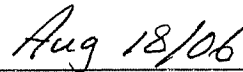
Thank you.



Tanya Davis, P.Eng.
Design Engineer



Robert R. Bieren, P.Eng.
Nova Scotia Transportation and Public Works



Date

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