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August 9, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Peter Stuckings, Acting Director of Real Property & Asset Management

DATE: July 27, 2005

SUBJECT: Award of Tender No. 05-158
Harbour East Artificial Turf Sportsfield

ORIGIN

Approved within Capital Budgets from 2003 to 2006 Capital Project No. CPG00581.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. Award Tender No. 05-158, Harbour East Artificial Turf Sports Fields to Dexter Construction Company Limited for the earthworks portion of the construction of two artificial turf sports fields in the Spectacle Lake area of the Burnside Industrial Park at the lump sum quoted tender price total of \$2,893,450 including fully recoverable HST from Capital Account CPG00581 - Dartmouth Artificial Sportsfield, as per the Budget Implications section of this report; and
2. Approve the appointment of Jacques Whitford Limited for construction inspection and lot certification for an estimated fee of \$30,000 including fully recoverable HST from Capital Account No. CPG00581 - Dartmouth Artificial Sportsfield, as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Regional Council adopted an Athletic Field Servicing Strategy - Halifax Regional Municipality in January, 1999. That strategy laid out a combination of capital and operational initiatives that would help to improve the quality and conditions of athletic fields within HRM. One of these initiatives was the development of artificial turf facilities to provide a consistently high level of playing fields for users and assist in hosting eastern and national level amateur sporting events.

Since the implementation of the Athletic Field Servicing Strategy, the residences of HRM have witnessed the opening of the Halifax Mainland North Common Field Turf on August 23, 2003. And on March 2, 2004, Council approved a staff's recommendation to proceed with the development of another artificial field, which would be located off the Commodore Drive extension at Spectacle Lake in the Burnside Park as shown in the attached area map (Attachment # 1).

On May 20, 2004, it was announced that \$1.6M would be provided to HRM through the Canada - Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program for this project. Due to the time line to have these funds expended by March 2006, the Chief Administrative Officer approved an award of RFP #04-158 - Consulting Services - East Region All Weather Field to Ekistics Planning and Design on June 23, 2004, to prepare the tender and drawings for this project.

Over the last year, Ekistics and HRM staff have developed a number of site concept plans along with the associated cost estimates striving to come within the approved capital funding. It became more evident though the detailed design work that the land preparation would be challenging given the raw state of the site. Staff subsequently submitted a request for additional funding within the 2005/2006 Capital Budget which was approved by Council bringing the total funding up to the \$4.0M figure as outlined below.

Approved Capital Budget

The funding for CPG00581 - Harbour East Artificial Turf Sportsfield is as follows:

Infrastructure Program	\$1,600,000.00
Debt Funding	\$1,100,000.00
Dartmouth District Soccer Association	\$ 150,000.00
Operating	\$ 233,000.00
Sale of Land Reserve	\$ 617,000.00
Parkland Reserve	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>
Total	\$4,000,000.00

DISCUSSION

Tenders for the Harbour East Artificial Turf Sportsfield project were called on July 2, 2005, with a closing date of July 26, 2005. The following bids, exclusive of taxes were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$2,893,450.00
2. ACL Construction Limited	\$3,077,770.00
3. Turf Masters	\$3,410,913.00

The scope of work for this tender includes site preparation (clear and grub, fill, drainage systems, stormwater management), site services (electrical, water, sewer), gravel parking lots, preparation of buffer zones, field and parking lot lighting, security fencing, site landscaping, and sodding of practice/warm - up area. Attached is the field site plan which shows the magnitude of this project (Attachment #2).

This is a lump sum price contract and has been reviewed by Ekisitics, and meets with their estimates. Further, there are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

It is anticipated that construction of this phase of the project will commence within three weeks of the tender award. The completion date for the site and electrical work, with the exception of asphalt and fencing, is November, 20, 2005. Further to this, the target date for the completion of the entire tender is April 30, 2006.

Staff will prepare a Request for Proposal for the field sub-base preparation and installation of the artificial turf for advertisement in September 2005, with the expectation of having the review of pricing completed and a presentation to Council in the Fall of 2005. The earthworks contractor shall coordinate the fence work with the successful artificial turf contractor to ensure unrestricted access for the final sub-base preparation and laying of the turf in May 2006. The fence work shall be completed within one day of the substantial completion of the artificial turf contract. At this time, staff are projecting a June 2006 opening date for play on the fields.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$2,893,450 and a cost of \$30,000 for Jacques Whitford Ltd. for a total project cost of \$2,923,450, funding is available in the approved Capital Budget from Capital Account No. CPG00581. This account is eligible for a full input tax credit. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CPG00581 - Dartmouth Artificial Sportsfield

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$3,873,228
Less: Tender No. 05-158	\$2,893,450
Jacques Whitford Certification	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
	\$ 949,778

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

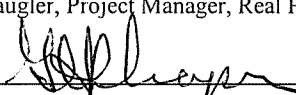
There is no recommended alternative.

ATTACHMENTS

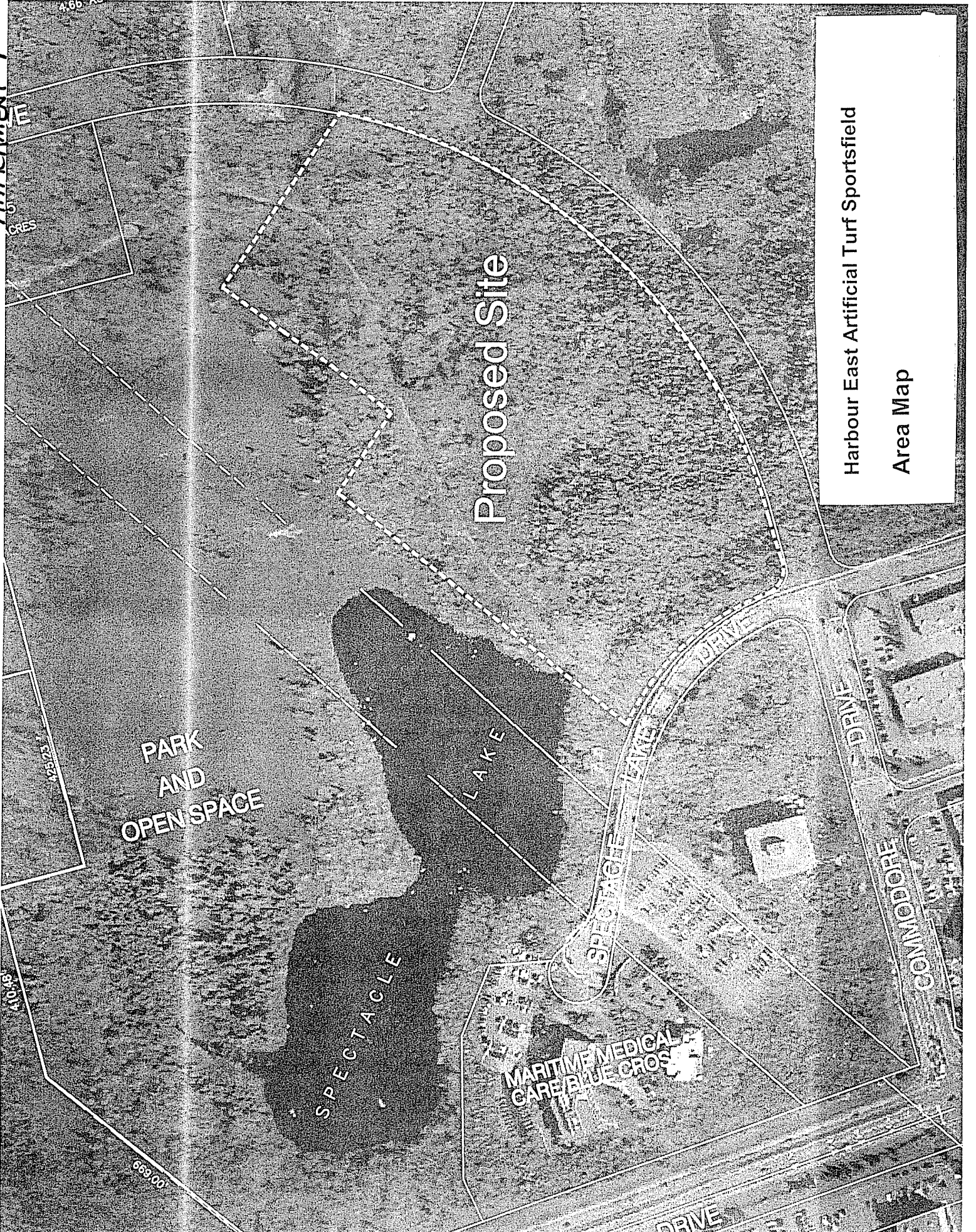
- Attachment 1 - Area Map
- Attachment 2 - Field Site Plan

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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Harbour East Artificial Turf Sportsfield
Area Map

