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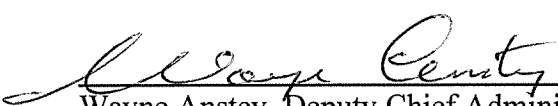
Halifax Regional Council
June 13, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: May 31, 2006

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 06-227, Highway 207 Culvert Replacement (Intersection to Ross Road) - East Region

ORIGIN

Ross Road Area Storm Drainage Study

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 06-227, Highway 207 Culvert Replacement (Intersection to Ross Road) - East Region to W. Eric Whebbly Ltd. for materials and services listed at the unit prices quote for a Tender Price of \$173,235 including net HST from Capital Account No. CGR00492, Ross Road Area Storm Sewer, with funding authorized per the Budget Implications Section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Ross Road Area Storm Drainage Study included an investigation of the culvert crossing Highway 207 near the intersection of Ross Road. The study concluded the culvert was undersized and considering it was near the end of its service life, recommended its replacement. The undersized culvert has resulted in flows ponding upstream of its entrance. The depth of ponding is very significant and in some areas is almost four meters deep. In addition, flows overtop the highway during severe rainfall events. These conditions represent a public safety issue and is a Priority One project based on the Project Priority Rating Process approved by Council in February, 2005.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on April 26, 2006 and closed on May 16, 2006. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. W. Eric Whebby Ltd.	\$167,492.00
2. Silco Contracting Ltd.	\$246,765.00
3. A.C.L. Construction Limited	\$272,000.00
4. J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited	\$283,251.00
5. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$320,900.00
6. Harbour Construction Company Limited	\$322,815.00
7. Amber Contracting Ltd.	\$327,260.00

The work generally consists of the construction of a 1800 mm diameter circular concrete culvert across Highway 207 near Ross Road, and includes construction of a retaining wall, inlet and outlet headwalls, erosion and sediment control and reinstatement.

It is anticipated that construction will commence within three weeks of the tender award and be completed in approximately 12 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.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$167,492, plus net HST, for a total project cost of \$173,235, funding is available in the Approved 2001/02 Capital Budget from Account No. CGR00492, Ross Road Area Storm Sewer. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary Account No. CGR00492, Ross Road Area Storm Sewer

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$375,250
Less: Tender No. 06-227	<u>\$173,235*</u>
Uncommitted Balance	\$202,015

*The original project estimate was \$200,000.

The overall budget for the Ross Road Area Storm Sewer project originally included provisions for installation of a clearwater sewer system along Greenvale Avenue and Brookside Avenue. However, there was such a low level of commitment from the home owners that, it was decided not to proceed with this work. The Highway 207 culvert replacement project represents the remaining work to be completed from the original project. Therefore, it is the intention of staff to close out the account unless some other additional stormwater is identified for implementation as appropriate from this account. Once the account is closed, the remaining funds would be returned to the Sewer Redevelopment Reserve which is the original source of funding.

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. If the work does not proceed, the public safety issue resulting from the undersized culvert would continue to exist.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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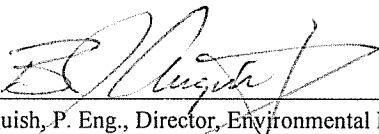
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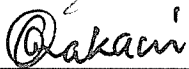
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