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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**July 16, 2002**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
Rick Paynter, P.Eng., A/Director, Public Works and Transportation

**DATE:** July 10, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Award of Unit Price Tender No. 02-218, Traffic Improvements Main Street - East Region

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**ORIGIN**

Approved 2001/02 Capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 02-218, Traffic Improvements Main Street - East Region to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$118,616.00, plus net HST for a total of \$126,242 from Account No. CTR00531, Main Street Study Recommendations, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The 2001/02 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for roadway improvements to Main Street, from Ridgecrest Drive to Montague Road, recommended in a 1998 consultant study. This particular phase includes capacity improvements to Main Street at the Forest Hills Drive intersection.

## **DISCUSSION**

Tenders were called on June 15, 2002 and closed on June 28, 2002. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
1. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$118,616.00
2. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$140,120.00
3. B & L Contracting Limited	\$158,068.00

The scope of work for this tender includes widening of the Main Street eastbound right turn lane and the provision of double left turning lanes for both the Forest Hills Extension and Forest Hills Parkway Approaches.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award.

This is a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost will be dependant 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 \$118,616.00, plus net HST for a total of \$126,242, funding is available in the 2001/02 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CTR00531, Main Street Study Recommendations. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

### **Budget Summary**

<b>Account No. CTR00531, Main Street Study Recommendations</b>	
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$168,790.00
Less: <b>Tender No. 02-218</b>	<b><u>126,242.00</u></b>
	\$ 42,548.00

The remaining funds in this account are required to implement the remaining 2001/02 Main Street Study Recommendations.

### **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.

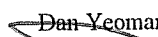
The traffic improvements will, as part of the phased approach, ease the flow of traffic and create a safer environment for pedestrians.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

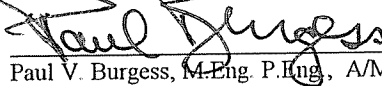
There are no recommended alternatives.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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