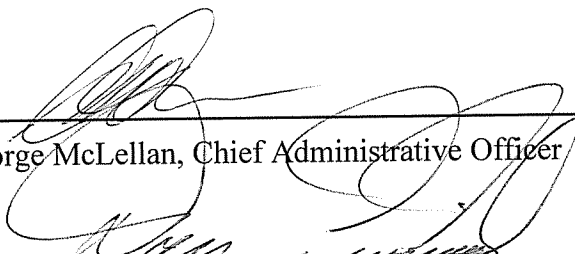
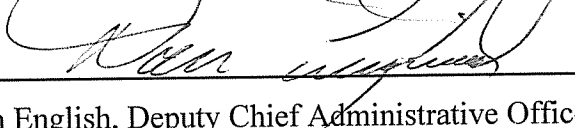


Halifax Regional Council
January 28, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 16, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Quotation No. 2002D567
Overhead Sign Structure Replacement, A. Murray MacKay Bridge
Ramp - West Region

ORIGIN

Approved 2002/03 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

1. approve an increase in the budget of Account No. CRU00231 - Other Road Related Works by \$24,605 to cover cost sharing. These funds are to be recovered from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission as cost sharing (see attachments).
2. award Quotation No. 2002D567, Overhead Sign Structure Replacement, A. Murray MacKay Bridge ramp - West Region be awarded to Black & McDonald Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Quotation Price of \$35,821, plus taxes for a total of \$39,613 from Account No. CRU00231, Other Road Related Works - Overhead Sign Structure Repairs, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2002/03 Approved 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 or as in this case, accidental vehicular related damage.

DISCUSSION

Quotations were called on December 6, 2002 and closed on December 11, 2002. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Black & McDonald Limited	\$35,821.00
2. XL Electric Limited	\$47,900.00
3. Sojourn Enterprises Limited	\$49,482.72

The scope of work for this tender includes the supply, fabrication, delivery and installation of a monotube overhead sign structure (which was damaged after a vehicle collided with it in September 2002) on existing bases. The age of the structure (approximately 30 years) confirmed that full replacement was the only alternative to be considered.

It is anticipated that work will commence twelve 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 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

This project is cost shared between HRM, the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission (see attachments).

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$35,82, plus taxes for a total of \$39,613, funding is available in the 2002/03 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CRU00231, Other Related Road Works. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Funding for HRM's share of this project in the amount of \$15,008, is available in the 2002/03 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CRU00231, Other Road Related Works - Overhead Sign Structure Repairs. This has been confirmed by staff of Finance. The remaining \$24,605 will be funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission. It is also the intent of HRM to recoup any funds resulting from claims against the insurers of the vehicle involved in this accident causing the replacement of the sign structure, which will then be deposited into Capital Account No. CRU00231, Other Related Road Works.

The remaining funds in this account are required to implement the remaining 2002/03 projects approved by Council.

Budget Summary

**Account No. CRU00231, Other Road Related Works
Overhead Sign Structure Repairs**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$349,059
Plus: Cost Sharing	\$ 24,605
Less: Quotation No. 2002D567	<u>\$ 39,613</u> *
	\$334,051

* This project was recently estimated at \$30,000.

The remaining funds in this account are required to implement other projects identified by staff and 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.

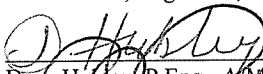
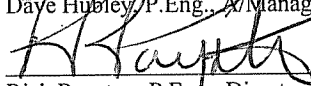
Since this will be a new overhead sign structure it will require less future maintenance and/or replacement for many years to come, saving potential operating/capital expenditures.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

Two faxes from the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works and the Halifax - Dartmouth Bridge Commission confirming their cost sharing commitments.

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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January 9, 2003

Mr. Jim LeClair
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P.O. Box 1749
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Fax No. 490-4858

Dear Mr. LeClair:

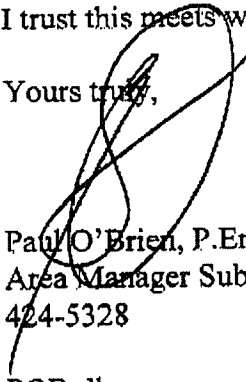
**RE: REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD SIGN TRUSS
BARRINGTON STREET ENTRANCE TO BRIDGE**

I am able to advise that the Department of Transportation and Public Works is in agreement with providing funding toward the replacement of the overhead sign truss.

The Department is committed to provide up to \$12,700.00. The funding will be provided upon receipt of the invoice for the completed project.

I trust this meets with your approval.

Yours truly,



Paul O'Brien, P.Eng.
Area Manager Suburban
424-5328

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Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission

December 12, 2002

Attention: Paul Burgess
Halifax Regional Municipality

Ph: 490-6821
Fax: 490-4858

Dear Mr. Burgess:

Please be advised that the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission is prepared to commit up to \$10,000.00 (or 1/3 of the total cost whichever is less) for the replacement of the sign in Halifax directing motorists on Robie/Windsor Streets to Dartmouth via the MacKay Bridge.

It is understood that HRM will administer the tendering, purchase and re-installment of the signs and support structure.

We wish to actively seek reimbursement from the owner of the motor vehicle that caused the damage, and would appreciate any assistance you can provide in this regard.

As previously noted the "Dartmouth" sign had symbolized "no walking" and "no biking" signs over-layed in the lower corners and we wish to have these restrictive signs included on the new unit.

Yours truly,

Phil Barrett
Maintenance Manager