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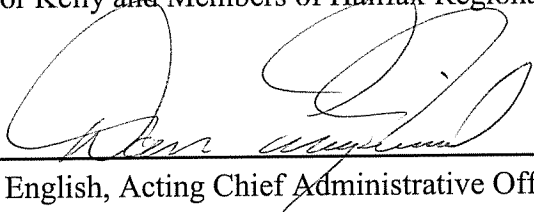


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Halifax Regional Council
April 8, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 28, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-034, Traffic Signal Loop
Maintenance - Various Locations

ORIGIN

Approved 2002/03 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 03-034, Traffic Signal Loop Maintenance - Various Locations to Black & McDonald Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$226,700, plus net HST for a total of \$241,275 from Account No. CTR00530, Traffic Signal Control System Integration, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2002/03 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for the replacement of existing and the installation of new traffic signal detector loops and SCOOT loops within the Halifax Regional Municipality.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on March 1, 2003 and closed on March 18, 2003. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Black & McDonald Limited	\$226,700.00
2. XL Electric Limited	\$294,080.10

The scope of work for this tender includes the replacement of traffic signal detector loops and SCOOT loops under the jurisdiction of HRM , as well as the installation of new traffic signal detector loops and SCOOT loops where required by HRM.

This tender used estimated quantities to establish unit prices, and will enable staff to maximize the units completed within the approved budget allotment.

It is anticipated that work will commence after Council's approval.

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 \$226,700, plus net HST for a total \$241,275, funding is available in the 2002/03 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CTR00530, Traffic Signal Control System Integration. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary	Account No. CTR00530 Traffic Signal Control System Integration	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$397,233
	Less: Tender No. 03-034	<u>\$241,275</u>
		\$155,958

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.

This tender is part of an ongoing program of traffic related improvements within HRM. The particular work outlined in this tender will significantly enhance the movement of traffic particularly at intersections. The replacement of old or damaged systems and new installations will significantly decrease future maintenance costs.

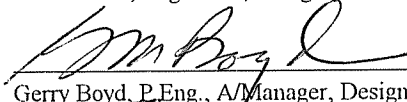
ALTERNATIVES

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.

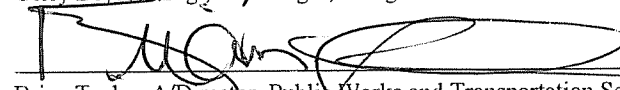
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