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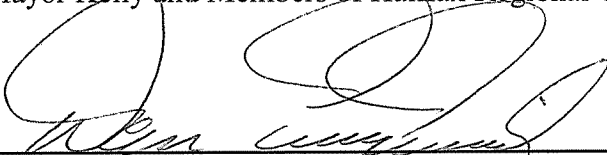


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Halifax Regional Council  
May 13, 2003

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** April 28, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Award Tender 02-156 Highfield Park Fire Station

**ORIGIN**

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Tender 02-156 Highfield Park Fire Station be awarded to Castle Rock Construction for a cost of \$2,530,000.00 plus net HST for a total of \$2,692,653.70 from Capital Account CBF00444 Station Replacement, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

**BACKGROUND**

HRM's Fire and Emergency Services Station Replacement program is a long term strategic plan of fire station rationalization and upgrade. Based upon consolidation of existing stations and improving service to areas below the recommended service levels this is a multi year plan with long term land acquisition and current building construction proceeding simultaneously as funding is approved by Regional Council. The plan for 2003/04 identifies the construction of two new stations, one at Highfield Park, District 9 Albro Lake, and the second, a new fire station in Moser River, District 1, Eastern Shore. The design and tender of the Highfield Park station was carried out in 2002 but due to a funding shortfall could not be awarded. The low bidder, Castle Rock Construction agreed to hold their price until the 2003/04 construction year. Additional funds were approved by Regional Council in the 2003/04 Capital Budget making this recommended award now possible. Construction of this station will see the close of Station # 12 Windmill Road. Future use of the Windmill Road property will be determined through Regional Council's approved process of surplus property disposition.

**DISCUSSION**

The new station incorporates 3 apparatus bays designed to facilitate a training component and sleeping quarters to accommodate 10 male and female staff. In keeping with HRM's Corporate Scorecard priority of Safe Communities this station has also been designed as an emergency shelter.

The following bids were received on October 24, 2002.

Company	Lump Sum Price (before taxes)	Total Cost (incl.net taxes)
Castle Rock Construction	\$2,530,000.00	\$2,692,653.70
Blunden Construction	\$2,676,363.00	\$2,848,426.38
Cardinal Construction	\$2,695,500.00	\$2,868,793.70
Dineen Construction	\$2,733,103.00	\$2,908,814.19

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

**Budget Summary**

**Project CBF00444 - Station Replacement**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$3,846,905.00
Less: <b>Tender 02-156</b>	<u>\$2,692,653.70</u>
Uncommitted Budget	\$1,154,251.30

These figures have been confirmed by Finance.

**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.

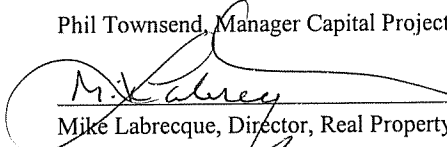
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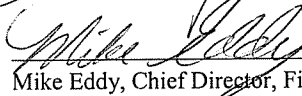
Council can chose to not award this project. This would not be in accordance with HRM's long term strategy of fire station rationalization. This is **not** the recommended alternative.

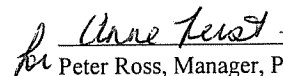
**ATTACHMENTS**

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