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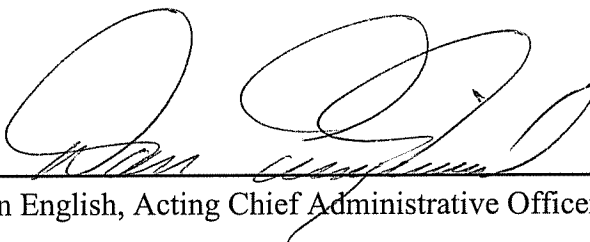


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Halifax Regional Council
May 13, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 5, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-044, Video Inspection of Sewers
2003

ORIGIN

Approved 2003/2004 Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 03-044, Video Inspection of Sewers 2003, to Pipetec Inc. based on the unit prices quoted for an estimated cost of \$162,600 plus net HST for a Total Project Cost of \$173,054 with funding provided as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Implementation of projects under the Capital and Operating Budgets require that video inspection of the underground sewers be carried out to verify their integrity prior to work being carried out on the streets. Because of the technical nature and specialized equipment required to carry out these works, outside agencies must be contracted. For information purposes, the total expenditure for these contracted services for 2002/03 was \$128,898 exclusive of HST.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on March 22, 2003 and closed on Tuesday, April 1, 2003. The following bids were received, exclusive of HST:

Pipetec Inc.	\$162,600.00
Melanson's Waste Management Inc.	\$187,450.00
Atlantic Water Investigations	\$385,700.00

Council is advised that this tender is a unit price service contract and the bids are based on the estimated scope of work anticipated for the 2003/2004 fiscal year. The actual final quantities will be dependent on the video inspection requirements applicable to the 2003/2004 Capital Budget and the extent of operational works requested by other sections of Public Works and Transportation Services.

All unit price extensions have been checked and found to be correct. The lowest bid received from Pipetec Inc. has met all the tendering requirements and therefore staff recommends the award of Tender No. 03-044, Video Inspection of Sewers 2003, to Pipetec Incorporated.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The funding for these services has been provided for in the Capital and Operating Budgets under individual project allocations.

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 video inspection program helps to ensure that sewers are in acceptable condition prior to the upgrading of roadways, thus reducing long-term capital and maintenance costs.

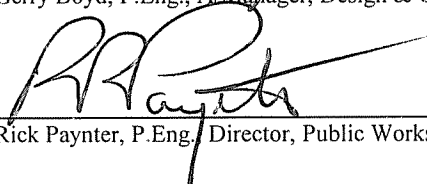
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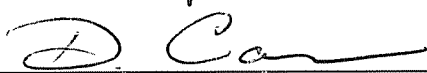
There are no recommended alternatives.

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