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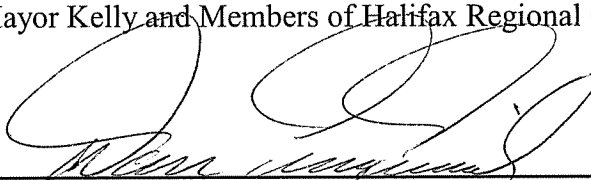


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Halifax Regional Council
May 13, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 30, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-227, Intersection Improvements,
Bedford Highway at Hammonds Plains Road - Central Region

ORIGIN

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 03-227, Intersection Improvements, Bedford Highway at Hammonds Plains Road - Central Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$134,400, plus net HST for a total of \$143,041 from Account No. CTU00419, Traffic Signal Rehabilitation and CZR00355, Main Artery Patching, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for the replacement of existing traffic signals and for the patching of deteriorated streets because of their overall poor condition.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on April 12, 2003 and closed on April 25, 2003. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 134,400.00
2. XL Electric Limited	\$ 157,703.04
3. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$ 180,150.00
4. Basin Contracting Limited	\$ 296,623.00

The scope of work for this tender includes the replacement of the existing antiquated traffic signal equipment at the intersection of Bedford Highway and Hammonds Plains Road including a complete re-wiring of the intersection, detector loops and associated appurtenances. This contract also includes the planing of the existing roadways in the intersection area and the replacement of it with a minimum 50 mm Type C asphaltic concrete.

It is anticipated that construction will not commence until August 1, 2003, after the Halifax Regional Water Commission installs a new transmission water main in this area.

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 \$134,400, plus net HST for a total of \$143,041, funding is available in the 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget under Account Nos. CKU00419, Traffic Signal Rehabilitation and CZR00355, Main Artery Patching. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	Account No. CKU00419, Traffic Signal Rehabilitation	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 200,000
	Less: Tender No. 03-227	<u>\$ 80,987</u>
		<u>\$ 119,013</u>

Account No. CZR00357, Main Artery Patching

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 761,141
Less: Tender No. 03-227	<u>\$ 62,054</u>
	<u>\$ 699,087</u>

The remaining funds from these accounts are required to implement other projects 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.

This tender is part of an ongoing program of upgrading identified existing traffic signals with new hardware and resurfacing roads. Both of these projects included in this tender will reduce future maintenance costs associated with them.

ALTERNATIVES


There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

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