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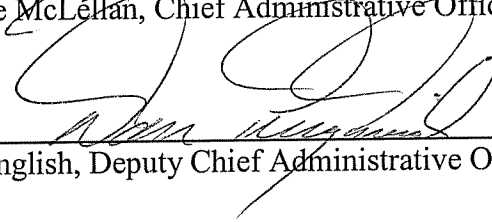
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Halifax Regional Council  
June 10, 2003

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** May 29, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-231 - Main Artery Patching -  
East, West and Central Regions

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**ORIGIN**

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 03-231, Main Artery Patching - East, West and Central Regions to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$746,730, plus net HST for a total of \$794,737, from Account CZR00355, Main Artery Patching with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications of this report.

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**BACKGROUND**

The 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget provides for repairs of deteriorated sections of asphalt pavement on various streets in the Halifax Regional Municipality for the purpose of improving the ride comfort of the roadway and reducing future maintenance costs.

**DISCUSSION**

Tenders were called on April 26, 2003 and closed on May 9, 2003. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received.

|  | <b><u>Bid Price</u></b> |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Dexter Construction Company Limited | \$746,730.00            |
| 2. Lafarge Canada Inc.                 | \$764,510.00            |
| 3. Ocean Contractors Limited           | \$802,975.00            |
| 4. Basin Contracting Limited           | \$890,535.00            |

The scope of work for this project includes excavating or milling out deteriorated areas of asphalt on approximately 40 streets, adjusting water valves, manhole frames and catchbasin frames as required and placement of hot mix asphalt pavement.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of tender award.

This is a UNIT PRICE contract and the cost will be dependant upon the actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

Since this project falls outside the Local Improvement Policy, charges do not apply.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$746,730, plus net HST for a total of \$794,737, funding is available in the 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CZR00355, Main Artery Patching. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

**Budget Summary**

**Project CZR00355 Main Artery Patching**

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Cumulative Unspent Budget  | \$884,858       |
| Less: <b>Tender 03-231</b> | <u>794,737*</u> |
|                            | \$ 90,121       |

\* This project was estimated in the budget at \$750,000 for Main Artery Patching.

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**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budget, 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 street upgrading with HRM. The improvements to these streets will result in less future maintenance and improved safety for traffic.

**ALTERNATIVES**

There are no recommended alternatives.

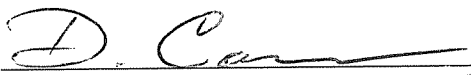
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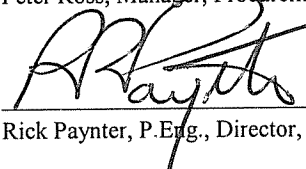
List of locations to be patched.

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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