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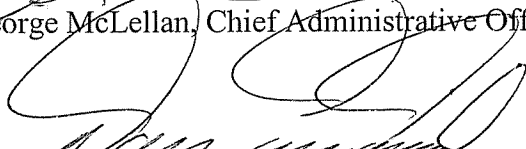
Halifax Regional Council
June 10, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 29, 2003

SUBJECT: **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-232, New Paving of Gravel Roads
West Region**

ORIGIN

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the paving of streets inside the core area by levy of frontage charges, at the rate to be established in By-Law S-412, which is being presented to Council on June 10, 2003.
2. award Tender No. 03-232, New Paving of Gravel Roads - West Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$153,270, plus net HST for a total of \$163,124 from Account No. CXR00332, New Paving Inside the Core Area with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for the paving of subdivision streets inside the Core Area.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on April 12, 2003 and closed on April 30, 2003. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 153,270.00
2. Basin Contracting Limited	\$ 171,094.00
3. Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$ 180,075.00
4. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$ 180,998.00

The scope of work for this tender includes scarifying the existing gravel, placing and compacting 75 mm of gravel, asphaltic concrete, shoulder gravel and reinstating existing driveway conditions.

The locations are listed below:

Blueforest Lane - Civic 79 to Cul de sac
Grebe Avenue - Highway #3 to Civic 19
Jabaro Lane - Grebe to End

It is anticipated that construction will commence within three weeks of the 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.

The paving of streets inside the core is subject to Local Improvement Charges. The proposed By-Law S-412, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements is being presented to Council on June 10, 2003, but will not likely be approved until the formal adoption process is finalized in July. Staff is therefore recommending that Council approve this tender with the understanding that the LIC rates that are to be applied, will be those approved by Council in By-Law S-412. This will allow construction to begin at an earlier date rather than waiting until the By-Law is approved. In the event that S-412 is not adopted, 2002 rates will apply.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this project in the amount of \$153,270, plus net HST for a total of \$163,124 is available in the 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget under Account No.CXR00332, New Paving of Subdivision Streets Inside the Core Area. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

**Account No. CXR00332, New Paving of Subdivision Streets
Inside the Core Area**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 804,971
Less: Tender No. 03-232	\$ 163,124 *
Less: Tender No. 03-236	\$ 370,054
	\$ 271,793

* The projects included in this tender were estimated in the 2003/04 Capital Budget at \$95,000.

Blue Forest Lane - Civic 79 to Cul-de-sac	\$17,000
Grebe Avenue - Highway #3 to Civic 19	\$60,000
Jabaro Lane - Grebe Avenue to End	\$18,000

The remaining funds from this account are required to implement the remaining 2003/04 New Paving of Subdivision Streets Inside the Core Area Projects.

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.

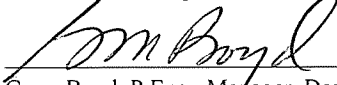
This tender is part of an ongoing program of paving subdivision streets inside the Core Area of HRM. The paving of streets will decrease long term maintenance costs of roads.


ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

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