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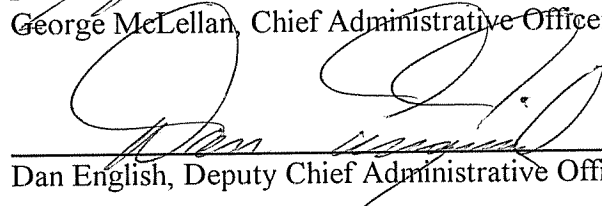
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Halifax Regional Council
June 10, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


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DATE: May 29, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-236, New Paving of Gravel Roads - East 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 03-236, New Paving of Gravel Roads - East Region to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a tender price of \$347,700, plus net HST for a total of \$370,054 from Account No. CXR00332, New Paving of Subdivision Streets Inside the Core Area, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2003/2004 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for 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 were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$347,700.00
2. Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$372,500.00
3. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$404,940.00
4. Basin Contracting Ltd.	\$413,675.00

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

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 dependent 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 \$347,700, plus net HST for a total of \$370,054 is available in the 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CXR00332, New Paving of Subdivision Streets Inside the Core Area.

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

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

* The projects included in this tender were estimated in the 2003/04 Capital Budget at \$220,000.

Ashtree Court - Westmount Drive to End	\$ 25,000
Burnhope Drive - Montague Rd. to End	\$100,000
Field Court - Westmount Drive to End	\$ 15,000
Westmount Drive - Civic 31 to End	\$ 55,000
Old Miller Rd - Coleridge Court to Civic 10 Miller Rd.	\$ 25,000

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.

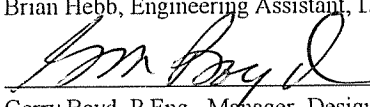
This tender is part of an ongoing program of paving of subdivision streets inside the core area within HRM. The paving of streets will decrease long term maintenance costs of roads.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

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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