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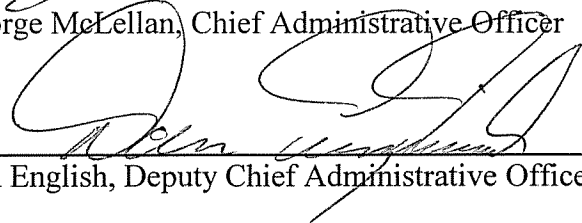
Halifax Regional Council
June 10, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 27, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-243, Traffic Signal Upgrades,
Various Locations - West Region

ORIGIN

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 03-243, Traffic Signal Upgrades, Various Locations - West Region to Black & McDonald Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$120,842.19, plus net HST for a total of \$128,612 from Account No. CTU00422, Traffic Signal Compliance, 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 upgrading / modernization of existing aging traffic signal equipment.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on April 26, 2003 and closed on May 13, 2003. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Black & McDonald Limited	\$120,842.19
2. XL Electric Limited	\$123,364.85

The scope of work for this tender includes the replacement and or upgrading of the existing antiquated traffic signal equipment at the following intersections:

- Barrington Street at Cornwallis Street
- Barrington Street at North Street
- Brunswick Street at Duke Street
- Brunswick Street at Sackville Street
- Sackville Street at Bell Road

It is anticipated that work will commence sixteen weeks after the tender award due to the delays anticipated in acquiring the necessary equipment from the suppliers.

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 \$ 120,842.19, plus net HST for a total of \$128,612, funding is available in the 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CTU00422, Traffic Signal Compliance. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	Account No. CTU00422, Traffic Signal Compliance	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 299,871
	Less: Tender No. 03-243	<u>\$ 128,612*</u>
		\$ 171,259

* This project was estimated at \$ 110,000.

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 reducing future maintenance costs associated with them.


ALTERNATIVES

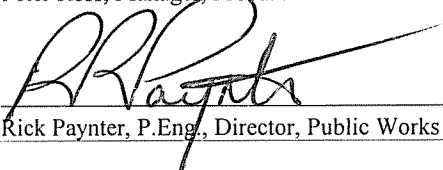
There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

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