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Halifax Regional Council
July 8, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: July 2, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tenders No. 03-054 - East Region, No. 03-055 - West Region, and No. 03-056 - Central Region, Concrete Sidewalk Curb & Gutter Repairs

ORIGIN

2003/04 Approved Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. award Tender No. 03-054, Concrete Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Repair - East Region, to Ocean Contracting Ltd., for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$86,575, plus net HST for a total of \$92,141 from Operating Account R740-6399, Concrete Sidewalks, Contract Services, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.
2. award Tender No. 03-055, Concrete Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Repair - West Region, to Sackville Trenching (2002) Ltd., for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$143,183, plus net HST for a total of \$152,388 from Operating Account R740-6399, Concrete Sidewalks, Contract Services with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.
3. award Tender No. 03-056, Concrete Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Repair - Central Region, to Lafarge Canada Inc., for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$52,415, plus net HST for a total of \$55,785 from Operating Account R740-6399, Concrete Sidewalks, Contract Services with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The approved 2003/04 Operating Budget includes funds for repair of concrete sidewalks, curb & gutter, within the Urban Core Boundary of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on May 3, 2003, and closed on May 2, 2003. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

Name of Company	Bid Amount **		
	<u>Tender 03- 054</u> East Region	<u>Tender 03-055</u> West Region	<u>Tender 03-056</u> Central Region
<u>Ocean Contracting Limited</u>	\$163,250.00 *	\$382,300.00	\$188,140.00
<u>Dexter Construction Company Limited</u>	\$167,700.00	\$343,010,00	\$196,120.00
<u>Lafarge Canada Inc.</u>	\$189,500.00	\$385,550.00	\$145,705.00 *
<u>Sackville Trenching (2002) Limited</u>	\$	\$281,600.00 *	\$156,665.00

* Recommended bidder.

** The bids received displayed a marked increase over prices received last year. Given funding limitations, a reduced scope of work was negotiated with each low bidder, as noted in the recommendations.

These tenders include the replacing of short sections of existing concrete curb and sidewalk at locations within Halifax Regional Municipality where whole blocks are less than 40% deficient. Blocks where the sidewalk deficiency rating exceeds 40% are scheduled for replacement under the capital works program. The sidewalk repair work is demand in nature and the overall amount of work exceeds the amount that can be accomplished with the approved budget for concrete sidewalk maintenance. The tenders used estimated quantities to establish **UNIT PRICES** and will enable staff to maximize the units completed within the approved budget allotment.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award and continue for a period of approximately 12 weeks.

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 prices totalling \$282,173, plus net HST for a total of \$300,314, funding is available in the 2002/03 Approved Operating Budget under Operating Account No. R740-6399, Concrete Sidewalk - Contract Services. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary	Concrete Sidewalks - Contract Services	
	Unspent Budget	\$ 698,948
	Less: Tenders No.03-054, 03-055 & 03-056	<u>\$ 300,314</u>
		\$ 398,634

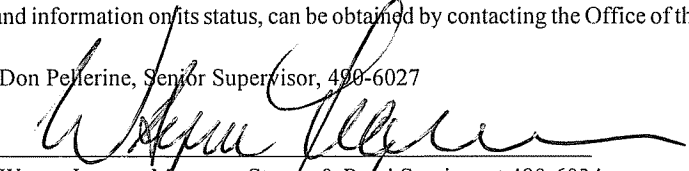
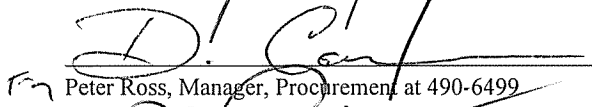
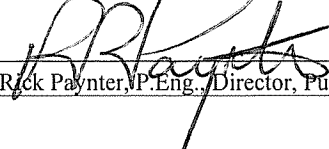
The remaining funds in this account are required to implement additional 2003/04 concrete sidewalk and curb repair work.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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