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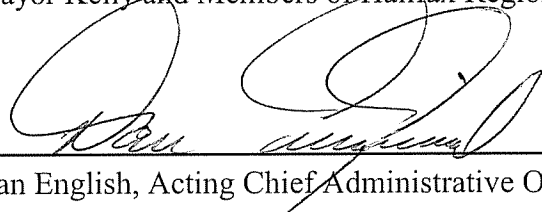


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Halifax Regional Council
March 23, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 4, 2004

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-207, Sidewalk Renewals -
West Region

ORIGIN

Advanced Funding Approval 2004/05 Capital Budget which was approved by Council on December 9, 2003.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 04-207, Sidewalk Renewals - West Region to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$193,926.00, plus net HST for a total of \$206,394 from Account No. CKU00558, Sidewalk Renewals, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved Advanced 2004/05 Capital Budget includes funds for the replacement of concrete sidewalks because of their overall poor condition.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on February 14, 2004 and closed on March 5, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$ 193,926.00
2. Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$ 276,925.00
3. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 277,028.00
4. Sackville Trenching	\$ 301,371.00
5. Basin Contracting Limited	\$ 311,249.00

The scope of work for this tender includes the renewal of concrete sidewalk, concrete curb and gutter and sodding at the locations listed below:

- Binney Street (S)- Henry Street to Edward Street
- Beaufort Avenue (E)- Inglis Street to Ritchie Drive
- Almon Street (S)- Connolly Street to Connaught Avenue
- Brunswick Street (W)- Uniacke Street to Gerrish Street
- Charles Street (S)- Gottingen Street to Creighton Street

It is anticipated that work will commence when weather permits in the Spring of 2004.

This is a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost will be dependent 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 \$193,926.00 plus net HST, for a total of \$206,394 funding is available in the Approved Advanced 2004/05 Capital Budget under Account No. CKU00558, Sidewalk Renewals. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary	<u>Account No. CKU00558, Sidewalk Renewals</u>
	Cumulative Unspent Budget \$ 644,000
	Less : Tender 04-207 \$ 206,394 *
	Less : Tender 04-206 <u>\$ 169,893</u>
	<u>\$ 267,713</u>

* The projects included in this tender were estimated in the 2004/05 budget at \$263,000.

- Binney Street (S)- Henry Street to Edward Street	\$ 33,000
- Beaufort Avenue (E)- Inglis Street to Ritchie Drive	\$ 76,000
- Almon Street (S)- Connolly Street to Connaught Avenue	\$ 78,000
- Brunswick Street (W)- Uniacke Street to Gerrish Street	\$ 36,000
- Charles Street (S)- Gottingen Street to Creighton Street	<u>\$ 40,000</u>
	<u>\$263,000</u>

The net HST has been included in the award amount. The Federal Government, in the recent speech from the throne, has proposed changes that would provide a GST rebate to Municipalities. This legislation, once approved, will affect the total cost of this award. Once the legislation is in place, and the actual amount determined, the value will be adjusted accordingly.

The remaining funds from this account are required to implement the other sidewalk renewal locations 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.

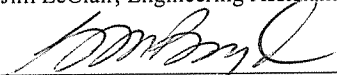
This tender is part of an ongoing program of sidewalk upgrading within HRM. New sidewalks require less future maintenance and are safer for pedestrian traffic.

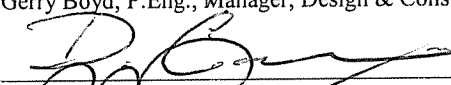
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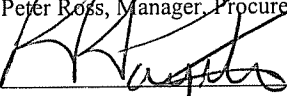
There are no recommended alternatives.

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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