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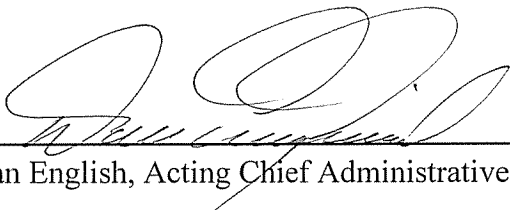


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Halifax Regional Council
April 13, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 5, 2004

SUBJECT: **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-215, Traffic Improvements -
Connaught Avenue at Quinpool Road and Queen Street at Sackville
Street - West Region**

ORIGIN

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 04-215, Traffic Improvements - Connaught Avenue at Quinpool Road and Queen Street at Sackville Street - West Region to G. & R. Kelly Enterprises Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$62,739.60, plus net HST for a total of \$66,773 from Capital Account No. CTR00905, Intersection Improvement, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget includes funding for use in all areas of HRM where significant improvements in safety and operation can be created at an intersection with minor reconfiguration or lane use changes. These changes require little or no physical widening of the street.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on March 10, 2004 and closed on March 24, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. G. & R. Kelly Enterprises Limited	\$ 62,739.60
2. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$ 81,852.00
3. LaFarge Canada Inc.	\$ 99,600.00
4. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 101,560.00
5. Basin Contracting Limited	\$ 131,562.00

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of:

1. Connaught Avenue at Quinpool Road.
Realigning the curb and gutter to improve traffic flow from the two southbound left turning lanes. This includes the supply/installation of two pole and overhead lane assignment signs. This improvement will enhance the safety and operation of the intersection.
2. Queen Street at Sackville Street.
Realigning the curb and gutter northbound on Queen Street to provide right and left turning lanes onto Sackville Street. This improvement will reduce vehicular delays at this intersection.

It is anticipated that work will commence in the summer of 2004.

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 \$62,739.60, plus net HST, for a total of \$66,733, funding is available in the 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CTR00905, Intersection Improvement Program. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: **Account No. CTR00905, Intersection Improvement Program**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$107,060
Less: increase for tender 04-219	35,536
Less: Tender 04-215	<u>66,773*</u>
	\$ 4,751

* This project was estimated at \$60,746.

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.

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.

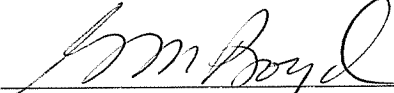
This tender is part of an ongoing Intersection Improvement Program within HRM. This tender will significantly improve the safety and operation of two major intersections with limited reconfiguration of the streets.

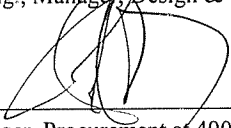
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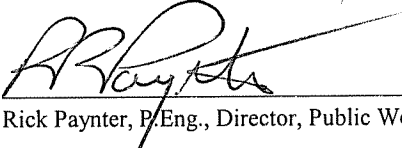
There are no recommended alternatives.

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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