



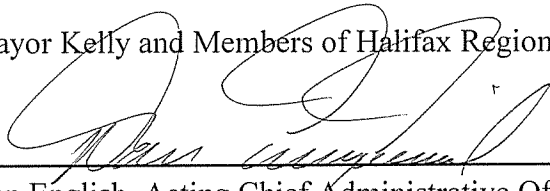
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Halifax Regional Council
April 13, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 8, 2004

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender 03-248, Morris Lake Sewage Pumping Station Upgrade

ORIGIN

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Increase Capital Account CSU00120, Morris Lake Pumping Station, in the amount of \$58,255 with funding from the Environmental Protection Reserve, Q105.
2. Approve the appointment of CBCL Limited for construction inspection services for an estimated fee of \$60,000 plus net HST for a total of \$63,857 with funding from Capital Account No. CSU00120, Morris Lake Pumping Station, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.
3. Award Tender 03-248, Morris Lake Sewage Pumping Station Upgrade to Blunden Construction for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$770,100, plus net HST for a total of \$819,609. There are also anticipated costs for extra work and material related to this job, therefore, the total project is anticipated to cost \$901,570, and will be charged to Account No. CSU00120, Morris Lake Sewage Pumping Station Upgrade, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Morris Lake Sewage Pumping Station Upgrade project was included on the list of projects receiving advance funding approval from Council on December 9, 2003, for the 2004/05 Capital Budget.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on January 7, 2004 and closed on January 28, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Blunden Construction	\$ 770,100
2. Amber Contracting Limited	\$ 905,850

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the installation of a backup power system, odour control system, mechanical and electrical modifications and construction of a building in which to house the these systems.

The electrical and mechanical aspects of this project are specialized in terms of equipment, installation, and testing of operations. Since this project was designed by CBCL Limited, it is recommended that they be retained to provide construction inspection and administration services. The estimated fee for this service is \$60,000, plus applicable taxes. If approved, the payment to the consultant will be based on the amount of actual time spent on the project in accordance with the hourly fees quoted in the design proposal. It is anticipated that work will commence this spring when weather permits.

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

This capital project will be funded from Q105 EPC reserve as a direct result of increased funding capacity from the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund (CSIF) with planned federal contributions of \$30 million.

Based on an increase of \$58,255 from the Environmental Protection Reserve (Q105) to Capital Account No. CSU00120, Morris Lake Sewage Pumping Station, funding in the amount of \$971,427 is available and has been confirmed with staff of Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

Capital Account No. CSU00120, Morris Lake Sewage Pumping Station Upgrade

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$907,172.00
Plus: Funding from Account No. Q105	\$ 58,255.00
Less: Tender No. 03-248	\$901,570.00
Less: Construction Inspection Service	<u>\$ 63,857.00</u>
Balance on Account	\$ 0.00

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

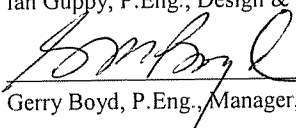
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

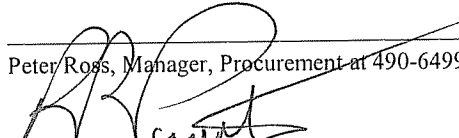
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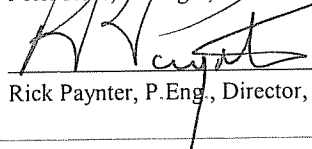
There are no recommended alternatives.

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