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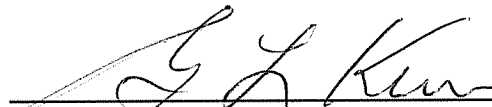


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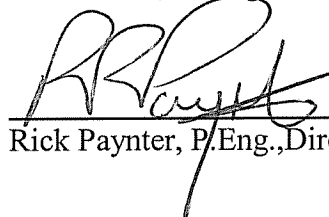
Halifax Regional Council
May 11, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Geri Kaiser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer



Rick Paynter, P/Eng., Director, Public Works & Transportation Services

DATE: April 30, 2004

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-210, Paving Renewal - Erskine Street, East Region

ORIGIN

Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Regional Council :

1. approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the upgrading of existing asphalt sidewalk to concrete sidewalk for Erskine Street (Hawthorne Street to Dunnolly Street) at the rate to be established in By-Law Number S-414 which will be presented to Council for approval for fiscal year 2004/05, to be applied to the general area rate of District 10.
2. award Tender No. 04-210, Paving Renewal, Erskine Street (East Region) to Lafarge Canada Inc. for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$211,200, plus net HST for a total of \$224,778 from Capital Account No. CYU00563, Paving Renewal with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget includes funds for a paving renewal on Erskine Street from Hawthorne Street to Dunnolly Street.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on April 3, 2004 and closed on April 16, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. LaFarge Canada Inc.	\$211,200.00
2. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$221,950.00
3. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$304,000.00
4. Basin Contracting Limited	\$320,213.00

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the construction of concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, placement of road gravels, asphalt paving and associated drainage improvements.

It is anticipated that the work will commence within three weeks of tender award.

This is a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost will be dependent upon the actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

The upgrading of asphalt sidewalk to new concrete sidewalk is subject to Local Improvement Charges. The proposed By-Law S-414, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, will be presented to Council for approval for fiscal year 2004/05. Staff is therefore recommending that Council approve this tender with the understanding that the LIC rates that are to be applied, will be those approved by Council under By-Law S-414. In the event that S-414 is not adopted, the 2003 LIC rates will apply. As requested by Councillor Cunningham, the Local Improvement Charge is to be recovered by a general area rate of District 10.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$211,200 plus net HST, for a total project cost of \$242,880 funding is available in the Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget under Account No. CYU00563, Paving Renewal Program. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CYU00563, Paving Renewal Program

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 3,991,101
Less: Tender No. 04-210	\$ 242,880*
Less: Tender No. 04-214	<u>\$ 139,742</u>
	\$3,626,581

*The project included in this tender was budgeted at \$281,000.

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

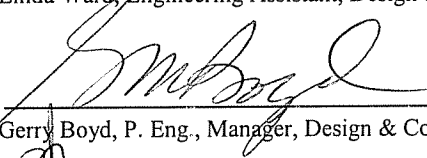
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

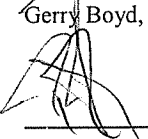
ALTERNATIVES

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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