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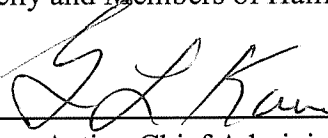


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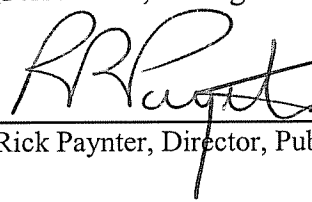
Halifax Regional Council
May 11, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Geri Kaiser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer



Rick Paynter, Director, Public Works and Transportation Services

DATE: April 29, 2004

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-220 New Sidewalk, Smallwood Avenue - East Region

ORIGIN

Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges to be applied to the total district area rate of District 4 for the installation of new concrete sidewalk on Smallwood Avenue, Gander Avenue to Serpentine Avenue at a rate to be established in By-Law 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 4.
2. award Tender No. 04-220, Smallwood Avenue, New Sidewalk, Gander Avenue to Serpentine Avenue to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a tender price of \$91,860.00, plus net HST for a total Project Cost of \$97,766.00 from Capital Account No. CJU00557, New Sidewalks, with funding authorized as per the budget implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2004/05 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for the construction of a new concrete sidewalk to provide for pedestrian safety.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on April 10, 2004 and closed on April 27, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes were received:

| | <u>Bid Price</u> |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Ocean Contractors Limited | \$ 91,860.00 |
| 2. Dexter Construction Company Limited | \$102,400.00 |
| 3. Lafarge Canada Inc. | \$123,220.00 |
| 4. Basin Contracting Limited | \$144,855.00 |

The scope of the work for this project involves the installation of a new concrete sidewalk on the east side of Smallwood Avenue from Gander Avenue to Serpentine Avenue.

It is anticipated that construction will commence in early July.

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

The installation of a 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 Cooper, these Local Improvement Charges will be recovered by general area rate of District 4.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the tendered price of \$91,860.00, plus net HST for a total of \$97,766.00, funding is available in the 2004/05 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CJU00557 New Sidewalks. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Account No. CJU00557 New Sidewalks

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cumulative Unspent Budget | \$1,985,106 |
| Less: Tender No. 04-220 | \$ 97,766* |
| Less: Tender No. 04-214 | <u>\$ 164,137</u> |
| | \$1,723,203 |

* The project included in this tender was budgeted at \$74,000.

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

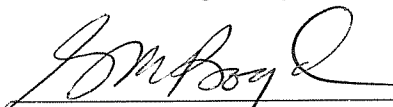
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.


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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