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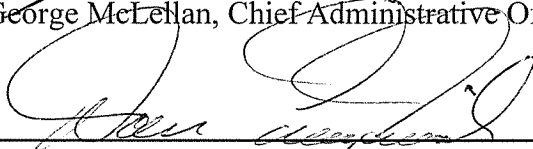
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Halifax Regional Council
May 18, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


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DATE: May 4, 2004

SUBJECT: Award of Tender No. 04-156
Admiral Harry Dewolf Park Walkway and Shoreline Restoration

ORIGIN

Required restoration of Admiral Harry Dewolf Park in Bedford due to extensive Hurricane Juan damage.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 04-156 - Admiral Harry Dewolf Park Walkway Repair to Dexter Construction Limited, for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$692,370.00, plus net HST, for a total amount of \$736,882.47, funding will be processed under the Federal Disaster Financial Relief Program under Hurricane Juan Account No. W928 with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

In the aftermath of Hurricane Juan on September 29, 2003, Admiral Harry Dewolf Park, located in Bedford, suffered extensive damage. Sections of the existing concrete paved walkway, concrete retaining wall with lighted bollards, rocked shoreline and landscaping were damaged.

Shortly following the storm, the engineering firm of O’Halloran Campbell Consultants Limited was hired to assess the damage and identify estimated costs to restore the park to its previous condition. This assessment was completed with an estimated price for repairs of \$1 million. Included in the engineering report was a strong recommendation, to improve upon the original construction which included adding a reinforced footing to the concrete retaining wall. Any such improvement above and beyond the original construction will not be covered under the Disaster Funding Assistance Agreement.

The report and recommendations have been reviewed by federal and provincial officials who have indicated the assessment and recommendations appear reasonable. Upon completion of the project a final claim will be submitted to the province and subjected to federal auditors.

Based on this information, a tender was called with the following two pricing options:

- Option 1: restoration of the existing park with the improved concrete retaining wall.
- Option 2: restoration of the existing park conditions as per the original specifications.

DISCUSSION

The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received.

Company	Lump Sum Price (before taxes)		Total Cost (incl. net taxes)	
	Option 1	Option 2	Option 1	Option 2
1. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 692,370.00	\$ 617,670.00	\$736,882.47	\$657,380.01
2. Silco Contracting Ltd	\$ 777,250.00	\$ 653,500.00	\$827,219.41	\$695,513.52
3. Amber Contracting Ltd	\$ 923,540.00	\$ 780,940.00	\$982,914.39	\$831,146.64
4. Ocean Contractors Ltd	\$1,059,670.00	\$ 960,670.00	\$1,127,796.19	\$1,022,431.48

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

After consideration, Option 1, which would include the restoration of the existing park with the improved concrete retaining wall, is recommended. Dexter Construction submitted the lowest tendered price of \$692,370.00, plus net HST, for a total of \$736,882.47.

The work is directly associated with the clean-up of Hurricane Juan and will be collected together with other Juan related costs. The cost of the Hurricane clean-up and recovery costs will be funded through a combination of insurance claims, HRM funds, and funding from the Federal Disaster Financial Relief Program.

Based on our present information, this project is eligible for funding under the Federal Disaster Financial Relief Program, however, the exact amount of federal funding to be received cannot be determined until after the work is completed and the application is filed and adjudicated. It is staff's understanding that under the Federal Disaster Financial Relief Program this project would be eligible for costs associated with the restoration of the existing park, but that any cost associated with the improvements beyond this would not qualify under the program. Should Council approve Option 1 as recommended by staff, it is estimated that approx. \$80K of the project costs would be ineligible for recovery from the Federal government. As Council has been advised, there are other costs related to Hurricane Juan which HRM has incurred since September 29th and must absorb directly. If the staff recommendation is accepted, the \$80K will be included as the Hurricane Juan projections are updated and as funding solutions are identified and finalized. Staff expect to be providing an update on Hurricane Juan costs in June of 2004. The staff recommendation of Option 1, assumes that the \$80K amount will be addressed as part of the overall ineligible Juan costs.

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.

**Award of Tender No. 04-156
Admiral Harry Dewolf Park
Walkway and Shoreline Restoration
Council Report**

ALTERNATIVES

Proceed with Option 2: restoration of the existing park conditions as per the original specifications at a cost of \$617,670.00, plus net HST. This is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

No attachments

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