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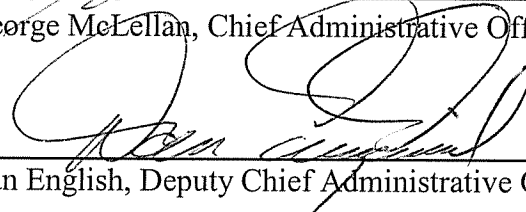
Halifax Regional Council
June 29, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 18, 2004

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-256, Topsoil & Sod Repairs
- East and West Regions

ORIGIN

This report originates from staff. Council approval is being requested because this work was not included in the 2004/05 approved capital budget for Account No. CKU00558.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 04-256, Topsoil & Sod Repairs to Teak Tree Enterprises Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$31,250, plus net HST for a total of \$32,322 from Account No. CKU00558 Sidewalk Renewals 2004/05 with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Hurricane Juan uprooted approximately 700 trees in Halifax and Dartmouth that were located adjacent to existing sidewalks. A subsequent tender was quickly issued for replacement of the sidewalk but did not include replacement of disturbed grass because of the lateness in the growing season. Instead temporary repairs were made with gravel for safety reasons, with the intent of issuing a tender in the Spring/Summer of 2004 for restoration of the grass areas.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on May 29, 2004 and closed on June 11, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Teak Tree Enterprises Limited	\$31,250.00
2. Provincial Pavement Markings Incorporated	\$41,000.00
3. Elmsdale Landscaping Limited	\$49,750.00

The scope of work for this tender includes the supply and installation of topsoil and sod in the damaged grassed areas next to sidewalk sections impacted by Hurricane Juan.

It is anticipated that construction will commence within two weeks of the 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. There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$31,250, plus net HST, the total project cost is \$32,322. Since the reinstatement of sod is not eligible for relief from the Disaster Financial Assistance program staff is recommending funding for this project be taken from Account No. CKU00558 Sidewalk Renewals 2004/05. All of the approved sidewalk renewal projects for 2004/05 have been tendered and there are sufficient funds remaining to cover the cost of these sod repairs. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary

<u>Account No. CKU00558, Sidewalk Renewals 2004/05</u>	
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$611,332
Less: Tender 04-256	<u>\$ 32,322</u>
	\$ 579,010

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

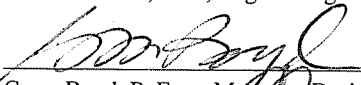
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.


ALTERNATIVES

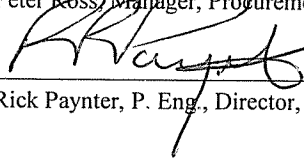
There are no recommended alternatives.

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