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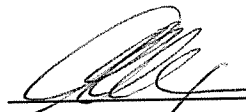


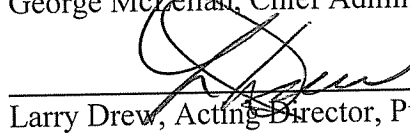
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Halifax Regional Council
August 31, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Larry Drew, Acting Director, Public Works & Transportation Services

DATE: August 24, 2004

SUBJECT: **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-211, Portland Hills Transit Terminal - Portland Street - East Region**

ORIGIN

Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. award Tender No. 04-211, Portland Hills Transit Terminal, Portland Street - East Region to W. Eric Whebby Ltd. for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a revised Tender Price of \$2,034,070, plus net HST for a total of \$2,103,819 from Capital Account No's. CB300628 - Bus Rapid Transit Showcase, CB200425 - Park & Ride Improvements and CB200428 - Transit Terminal Upgrade & Expansion, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.
2. approve the appointment of SNC Lavalin Inc. for contract administration and inspection on this project, for an estimated fee of \$48,342 plus net HST for a total of \$50,000, from Capital Account No. CB300628 - Bus Rapid Transit Showcase, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2004/05 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for improvements to mass transit within HRM. Included in these improvements is the upgrade and expansion of existing terminals and for the construction of new terminals. Also included is the construction of park and ride sites which would allow people who live in less densely areas not served by Metro Transit the opportunity to drive to a central area, park and use transit.

This new terminal will also form the origin of future Bus Rapid Transit Service on the Portland Corridor. The Portland Corridor is one of two corridors for development of BRT Service under the Urban Transportation Showcase Program through Transport Canada.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on June 12, 2004 and closed on June 29, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. W. Eric Whebby Ltd.	\$ 2,202,770.00
2. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$ 2,220,209.50
3. Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$ 2,642,269.00
4. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 2,272,232.00
5. Amber Contracting Limited	\$ 2,277,226.75

Realizing the potential impact this project will have on mass transit within HRM and the need to proceed this year, staff have made some adjustments to the overall scope of work to keep the project within allocated budget limits.

A revised form of tender was prepared and the low bidder, W. Eric Whebby Ltd., agreed to hold their unit prices, making the revised tender price \$2,034,070 plus net HST. (see attachment)

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the construction of a transit terminal with a park and ride lot including all accoutrements necessary to complete the job. It also includes, but is not limited to all the traffic improvements required for the new terminal such as, asphalt pavement, concrete sidewalk, traffic signal installation, and concrete curb and gutter.

Due to the complexity of the project and the unavailability of HRM staff to provide full time inspection on this project, staff asked and received a cost proposal of \$50,000 taxes included from SNC Lavalin to provide full time contract administration and inspection on this project.

The total project cost including contract administration, inspection, and net HST is \$2,153,819.

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

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

Based on the revised lowest tendered price of \$2,034,070 plus \$50,000 for Contract Administration and Inspection and net HST the total project cost is \$2,153,819 with funding available in the 2004/05 Approved Capital Budget under Account Nos. CB300628, Bus Rapid Transit - Showcase, CB200425 - Park & Ride Improvements and CB200428, Transit Terminal Upgrade & Expansion. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary **Account No. CB300628 - Bus Rapid Transit Showcase,**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 10,466,547
Less: Tender 04-211	\$ 1,154,819
Less: Contract Administration and Inspection	\$ 50,000
	\$ 9,261,728

Account No. CB200425 - Park & Ride Improvements

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 528,000
Less: Tender 04-211	\$ 525,000
	\$ 3,000

Account No. CB200428 - Transit Terminal Upgrade & Expansion

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 424,063
Less: Tender 04-211	\$ 424,000
	\$ 63

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.

This tender is part of an ongoing program of traffic related improvements within HRM. This particular work is intended to make transit not only an appealing efficient mode of transportation but a convenient one as well.

ALTERNATIVE

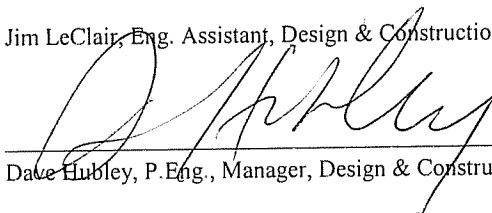
There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

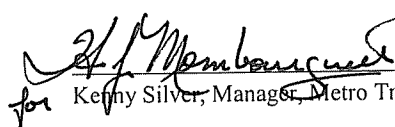
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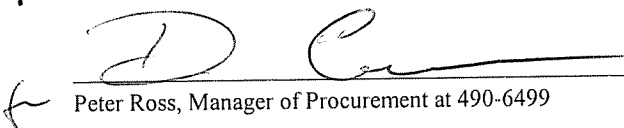
Faxed page 6 from Section 00330, Form of Tender titled Issued For Construction from W. Eric Whebby Ltd. dated August 11, 2004

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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4. SCHEDULE OF QUANTITIES AND UNIT PRICES

.1 Portland Hills Transit Terminal Project

No	Item	Unit	Est Qty	Unit Price	Amount
<u>TERMINAL SITEWORK and BUILDING</u>					
3	Mass Excavation and Embankment - Common	m ³	20 000	<u>10</u>	<u>200 000</u>
4	Mass Excavation - Rock	m ³	100	<u>14</u>	<u>1400</u>
5	Mass Excavation-Unsuitable Material	m ³	2000	<u>10</u>	<u>20 000</u>
6	Replacement of Unsuitable Material with Surge Rock	m ³	13700	<u>20</u>	<u>274 000</u>
93	General Terminal Sitework	LS	LS	<u>-</u>	<u>858 000</u>
94	Site Services Easement to HRM Property Line	LS	LS	<u>-</u>	<u>100 000</u>
95	Terminal Building	LS	LS	<u>-</u>	<u>380 000</u>
SUBTOTAL					<u>2 034 070</u>
PLUS HST (15%)					<u>305 110.50</u>
TOTAL TENDER PRICE					<u>2 339 180.50</u>

Eric Whelby