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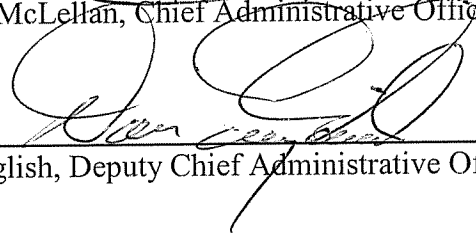
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**September 7, 2004**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** August 26, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-274, Rutledge Street Paving,  
Sidewalk and Storm Sewer- Central Region

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**ORIGIN**

Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the installation of concrete curb and gutter and concrete sidewalk on Rutledge Street from Frederick Street to Borden Street in Bedford, to be applied by a total district area rate.
2. award Tender No. 04-274, Rutledge Street Paving, Sidewalk and Storm Sewer- Central Region, to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a tender price of \$167,160, plus net HST for a total of \$172,892 from Capital Account No's. CZU00565 Resurfacing and CJU00557 New Sidewalk, as authorized in the Budget Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The 2004/05 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for the resurfacing of the street, construction of concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk and a small portion of the storm sewer on Rutledge Street from Frederick Street to Borden Street. These improvements will significantly improve the level of service to the public.

## **DISCUSSION**

Tenders were called on August 11, 2004, and closed on August 20, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
1. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$167,160.00
2. Amber Contracting Limited	\$239,158.00
3. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$257,460.00
4. Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$268,500.00
5. Basin Contracting Limited	\$330,310.00

The work generally consists of the construction of concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk and the renewal of the street surface and a small portion of the storm sewer.

Initially it was thought that the storm sewer would have to be upgraded for the length of this project. During detailed design, it was determined that only a small portion required upgrading. That combined with low bid prices contributed to the discrepancy between the budgeted amount and actual cost.

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

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 Local Improvement charges associated with this work.

The installation of a new concrete curb and gutter and concrete sidewalk is subject to Local Improvement Charges. As per Councillor Goucher's request, the recovery of Local Improvement Charges is to be by way of a total district area rate.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tender price of \$167,160.00, plus net HST for a total of \$172,892, funding is available in the 2004/05 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CZU00565, Resurfacing in the amount of \$112,380, and \$60,512 from Account No. CJU00557, New Sidewalk. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

**Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CZU00565, Resurfacing**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$2,542,842.00
Less: <b>Tender 04-274</b>	\$ <u>112,380.00*</u>
Balance of Account	\$ 2,430,462.00

**Capital Account No. CJU00557, New Sidewalk**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$705,937.00
Less: <b>Tender 04-274</b>	\$ <u>60,512.00*</u>
Balance of Account	\$ 645,425.00

\* HRM budgeted \$433,000 for this project:  
 Rutledge St Resurfacing(Frederick-Emmerson) \$278,000  
 Rutledge St. S/W(Emmerson-Frederick) \$155,000

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

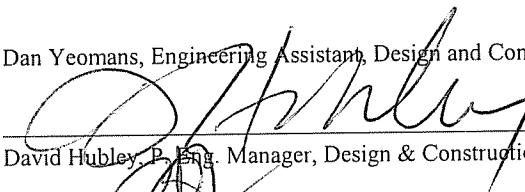
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

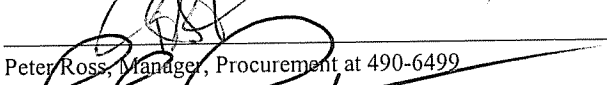
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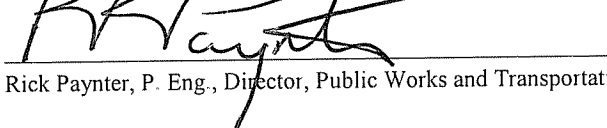
There are no recommended alternatives

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