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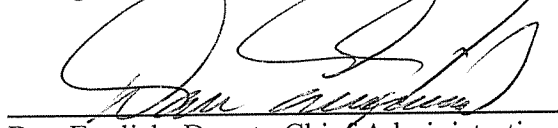
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**March 29, 2005**

**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:** March 16, 2005

**SUBJECT:** **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 05-206, New Sidewalk, Arklow Drive - East Region**

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**ORIGIN**

Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Council:

1. approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for new concrete sidewalk on Arklow Drive (from George Bissett School to Cole Harbour High Walkway) at the rate to be established in By-Law S-418 which will be presented to Council for approval for fiscal year 2005/06, to be applied to the general area rate of District 4.
2. award Tender No.05-206, New Sidewalk, Arklow Drive - East Region, to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$187,621 including net HST from Capital Account No. CJU00719, New Sidewalks, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Approved Advanced 2005/06 Capital Budget includes funds for the New Sidewalk of Arklow Road between George Bissett School and Cole Harbour High Walkway.

## **DISCUSSION**

Tenders were called on January 22, 2005 and closed on February 5, 2005. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
1. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$181,400
2. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$207,000
3. Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$215,500
4. Basin Contracting Limited	\$221,550

The scope of work for this tender includes the installation of new concrete sidewalk.

It is anticipated that construction will commence in July of 2005.

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

The installation of new concrete sidewalk is subject to Local Improvement Charges. The proposed By-Law S-418, Respecting Charges for Street Improvements, will be presented to Council for approval for fiscal year 2005/06. 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-418. In the event that By-Law S-418 is not adopted, the 2004 LIC rates will apply. As requested by Councillor McInroy, these Local Improvement Charges will be recovered by general area rate for District 4.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$181,400 plus net HST for a total project cost of \$187,621, funding is available in the Approved Advanced 2005/06 Capital Budget from Account No. CJU00719, New Sidewalks. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services

#### **Account No. CJU00719, New Sidewalks**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$675,000
Less: <b>Tender 05-206</b>	<b><u>\$187,621</u></b> *
	\$487,379

\* This project was estimated in the 2005/06 Capital Budget at \$145,000.

The remaining funds in this account will be used to implement the remaining 2005/06 new sidewalk projects approved by Council.

### **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

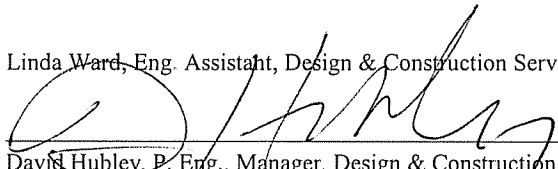
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

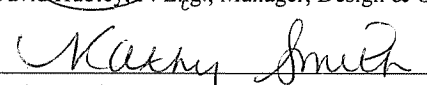
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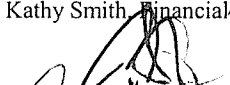
There are no recommended alternatives.

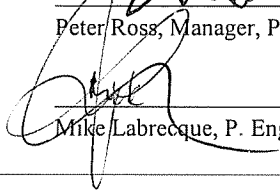
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