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Halifax Regional Council
November 7, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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DATE: October 26, 2006

SUBJECT: **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 06-268, New Sidewalk, Cole Harbour Road (Smith Avenue to Morash Drive) - East Region**

ORIGIN

The Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

1. approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the new concrete sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter on Cole Harbour Road (Smith Avenue to Morash Drive) - East Region by an area rate for District 4.

2. award Tender No. 06-268, New Sidewalk, Cole Harbour Road, (Smith Avenue to Morash Drive) - East Region to Silco Contracting Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of $130,989 including net HST from Capital Account No. CJU00785, New Sidewalks, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget included funds for the new sidewalk on Cole Harbour Road from Smith Avenue to Morash Drive.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on October 7, 2006 and closed on October 18, 2006. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

		Bid Price
1.	Silco Contracting Ltd.	$126,646.00
2.	Ocean Contracting Ltd.	$166,500.00
3.	Dexter Construction Company Limited	$175,600.00
4.	Humphreys Landscape and Construction Ltd.	$179,651.50
5.	Basin Contracting Limited	$239,180.00
6.	Lafarge Canada Inc.	$254,900.00

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the construction of new concrete sidewalk and installation of a 450 mm diameter storm sewer on Cole Harbour Road from Smith Avenue to Morash Drive.

It is anticipated that work will begin in July 2007 and take six weeks to complete.

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 unit prices shall remain valid until completion and acceptance of the project.

The installation of new concrete sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter is subject to Local Improvement Charges. As requested by Councillor Harry McInroy, Local Improvement Charges will be based on a charge per foot of frontage, and will be recovered by a general area rate of District 4. On April 25, 2006, Halifax Regional Council approved a blended actual costs approach in determining the rate of Local Improvement Charges. The rate will be set once all the tenders have been completed and the final costs determined.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of $126,646, plus net HST for a total project cost of $130,989, funding is available in the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget from Account No. CJU00785, New Sidewalks. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: **Account No. CJU00785, New Sidewalks**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	$274,940
Less: **Tender 06-268**	$130,989 *
	$143,951

* This project was estimated in the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget at $150,000.

The remaining funds from this account are required to implement the remaining 2006/07 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.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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