

11.1.5



PO Box 1749
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3J 3A5 Canada

Halifax Regional Council
February 20, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan English", written over a horizontal line.

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Anstey", written over a horizontal line.

Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: February 8, 2007

SUBJECT: Award of Tender No. 07-150 - Metro Transit Renovation
200 Ilsley Avenue

ORIGIN

Approved 2006/2007 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 07-150 to Seagate Construction Inc., for a total tender price of \$103,015 (net HST included), with funding from Capital Account No. CBU00876 200 Ilsley Upgrades, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Metro Transit requires upgrades to its major facility, located at 200 Ilsley Avenue, Burnside Industrial Park. Metro Transit carries over 17 million transit passengers each year on more than 200 conventional buses, twenty paratransit vehicles, three community transit buses and three harbour ferries. The majority of the Metro Transit bus fleet operates and is maintained and managed from the facility at 200 Ilsley Avenue. The majority of bus operators are dispatched from 200 Ilsley which includes an operators lobby and washroom facilities to support this function. The operational centre and administration support for Metro Transit is also located at the facility.

The existing building is 25 years old and is in need of an upgrade in specific areas within the administration/control section of the building. The first phase of the intended renovations will incorporate approx. 1400 square feet of the building. The renovated space will include the Control Room and the surrounding offices.

As part of the HRM initiative to introduce a new CAD/AVL system based on GPS technology, Metro Transit is replacing its current Automated Vehicle Tracking and Service Management system with the new technology. The existing system is at the end of its life cycle and the new CAD/AVL will allow for the application of current technology and new features that will enhance Metro Transit's ability to provide effective and efficient transit service. It is a vital component of the transit operation and management of the on-street service.

The new system will also provide an opportunity for the introduction of an enhanced Interactive Voice Response system for callers making inquiries in regards to bus departures and new options that include "pre-packaged" information on fare structure, "park and ride" locations etc.

A new World Wide Web interface will be introduced to allow the public to access information for their home or office computer systems. A "trip planning" feature will also be available that will allow patrons to receive information on how to complete a trip on our public transit system.

In addition to the conventional transit fleet movements, it will be possible to track the movements of our Access-A-Bus vehicles, supervisory vehicles and service vehicles. This is very significant from both the operations and customer service enhancement perspective.

In preparation for the arrival of the new CAD/AVL system, Metro Transit must renovate its existing Control Centre to accept the new technology and required hardware. This tender deals with this renovation.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were publicly advertised and closed on February 7, 2007. Bids were received from the following bidders:

Company	Lump Sum Price (Before net HST)	Total Cost (incl. net HST)
Seagate Construction Inc.	\$99,600	\$103,015
Avondale Construction Limited	\$115,062	\$119,008
Opron Maritimes Construction Limited	\$137,000	\$141,698
J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Limited	\$138,697	\$143,453

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$ 103,015 (net HST included), funding is available from Capital Account No. CBU00876 - 200 Ilsley Upgrades. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	Capital Account No. CBU00876	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$407,136.27
	Less: Tender No. 07-150	<u>\$103,015.00*</u>
	Balance	\$304,121.27

* This project was estimated in the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget at \$174,078
The balance of funds will be used for the next construction phase of this project.

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


Council not approve this tender, but this is **not** recommended by staff. This project is a crucial component of implementing the CAD/AVL project.

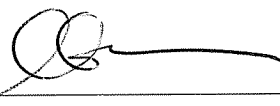
ATTACHMENTS

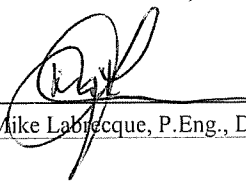
No attachments.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

Report Prepared by: Ann Marie Duggan, Capital Projects- Project Manager (490-4180)

Report Approved by: 
Phillip Townsend, Manager, Capital Projects, TPW (490-7166)

Financial Approval by: 
Catherine Sanderson, Senior Manager, Financial Services, 490-1562

Report Approved by: 
Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director Transportation & Public Works