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TO:

Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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DATE:

March 6, 2007

SUBJECT:

Award - Unit Price Tender No. 07-222 Traffic Signal Upgrades,

Robie Street at Almon Street - West Region and Intersection Improvements, Sackville Drive at Millwood Drive - Central Region

ORIGIN

The Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget and the Approved Advanced 2007/08 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 07-222 Traffic Signal Upgrades, Robie Street at Almon Street - West Region and Intersection Improvements, Sackville Drive at Millwood Drive - Central Region to XL Electric Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$129,642.30 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CTU00419-Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program and CTR00905-Traffic Improvements, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved Advanced 2007/08 Capital Budget includes funds for the replacement of existing traffic signals and for the upgrading/modernization of existing aging traffic signal equipment within the municipality. The intersection of Robie Street at Almon Street meets or exceeds the warrants for signalization upgrades.

The Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget includes funds for improving various intersections within HRM. The intersection of Sackville Drive at Millwood Drive meets or exceeds the warrants for improvements.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on February 14, 2007, and closed on February 28, 2007. Bids were received from the following companies:

Name of Company

Bid Price (Net HST Included)

XL Electric Limited	\$129,642.30*
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$153,069.74
Black & McDonald Limited	\$165,207.14

^{*} recommended bidder

Traffic Signal Improvements - Robie Street at Almon Street - The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the replacement and/or upgrading of the existing traffic signal equipment.

Traffic Improvements - Sackville Drive at Millwood Drive - The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the enlargement of the turning radii on Millwood Drive to facilitate large vehicles and relocating the existing traffic signal poles.

It is anticipated that work will commence at both locations when weather permits in the spring of 2007 and take four 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.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$129.642.30, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved Advanced 2007/08 Capital Budget from Account No. CTU00419-Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program and the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget from Account No. CTR00905-Traffic Improvements. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Account No. CTU00419, Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program

Cumulative Unspent Budget \$217,961 **Less: Tender No. 07-222** \$ 77,059*

Robie Street at Almon Street

Balance \$140,902

Account No. CTR00905, Traffic Improvements

Cumulative Unspent Budget \$526,450 **Less: Tender No. 07-222** \$ **52,584****

Sackville Drive at Millwood Drive

Balance \$473,866

The projects included in this tender were estimated in the Approved Advanced 2007/08 Capital Budget at \$50,000.00* and the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget at \$53,000.00**.

The remaining funds from these accounts are required to implement the remaining 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 to this course of action.

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