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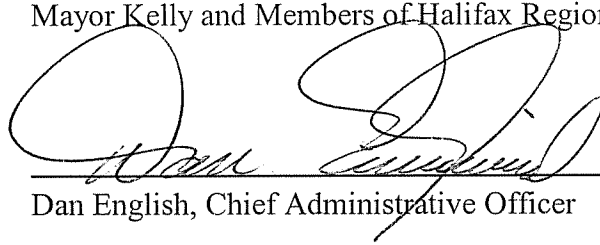


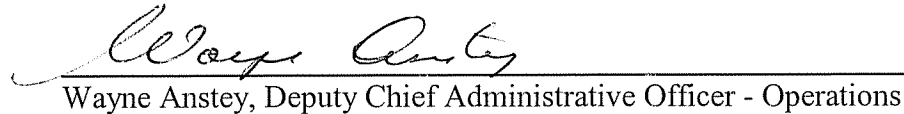
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Halifax Regional Council  
March 27, 2007

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

  
Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

**DATE:** March 5, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Award - Tender No. 06-165 George Dixon Site Improvements

**ORIGIN**

Approved 06/07 Capital Budget - Capital Account No. CDG00271 Downtown Streetscapes, Capital Account No. CP300849 - Park Upgrades and Capital Account No. CB300551 - Various Rec Facility Upgrades.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 06-165 to TurfMasters Landscaping Ltd., for a Total Tender Price of \$646,048.56 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account Nos. CDG00271 - Downtown Streetscapes, CP300849 - Park Upgrades and CB300551 - Various Rec Facility Upgrades, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

**BACKGROUND**

In January 2003, Community Development identified the need for a focussed, community-based approach to addressing opportunities and challenges in the central Halifax neighbourhood. As a result, an HRM interdepartmental staff and community service group called CANB (Cogswell, Agricola, North Park, North and Barrington Streets) was formed.

Through discussions, the CANB group identified a number of capital improvements, which included various site improvements at the existing George Dixon Centre. Further, through Capital District input, it was determined that significant streetscape improvements were required on the Gottingen Street side of the George Dixon property. Some of the key improvements are to include: an accessible active transportation connection between Gottingen Street, the George Dixon Centre and Brunswick Street, parking expansion, building entrance improvements to better serve existing and future facility users, and a multi-use outdoor facility. These upgrades will accommodate a larger outdoor rink surface and will also serve as a double-size basketball court in the summer months.

The new pedestrian walkway throughout the George Dixon site will include concrete retaining and seating walls, benches, concrete paving, fencing, lighting and landscaping. Further, a new playstructure will also be installed during the same construction period, as a component of a separate tender.

**DISCUSSION**

Tender was publicly advertised on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 and closed on February 20, 2007. Bids were received from the following bidders:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Lump Sum Price (before net HST)</b>	<b>Total Cost (incl. net HST)</b>
TurfMasters Landscaping Ltd.	\$624,630.00	\$ 646,048.56
Ocean Contractors Limited	\$970,500.00	\$1,003,778.45
Dexter Construction Company	\$972,000.00	\$1,005,329.88
Elmsdale Landscaping Limited	\$1,002,254.00	\$1,036,621.29

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$646,048.56(net HST included), funding is available in the Approved Capital budget from Capital Account Nos. CDG00271 - Downtown Streetscapes, CP300849 - Park Upgrades and CB300551 - Various Rec Facility Upgrades.

**Budget Summary:      Capital Account No. CDG00271- Downtown Streetscapes**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 1,000,558.00
Less: Tender No. 06-165	<u>\$ 572,508.30*</u>
Balance	\$ 428,049.70

**Capital Account No. CP300849-Park Upgrades**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$61,672.70
Less: Tender No. 06-165	<u>\$61,540.25*</u>
Balance	\$ 132.45

**Capital Account No. CB300551-Variou Rec Facility Upgrades**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$12,650.72
Less: Tender No. 06-165	<u>\$12,000.00*</u>
Balance	\$ 650.72

\* This project was estimated in the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget at \$745,000.

The balance of funds will be used on other identified projects within the respective program areas.

**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 could decide not to award this tender, however this is not the recommended alternative. The proposed site improvements are a key component to addressing the needs of the neighbourhood as well as continuing with improvements to the Gottingen streetscape.


**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments.

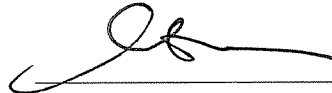
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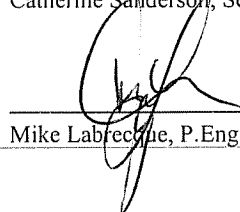
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