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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: April 3, 2007

SUBJECT: Award of Quotation No. 06M153, Overhead Sign Structure Repairs

ORIGIN

The Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Quotation No. 06M153, Overhead Sign Structure Repairs, to Black & McDonald Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$103,301.78 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CTR00904, Destination Signage Program, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

In August 2003, as part of HRM's ongoing safety initiatives, twenty-five (25) overhead traffic sign truss structures within HRM were inspected for deficiencies. Shortly thereafter in September 2003, Nova Scotia was hit by Hurricane Juan and staff determined that the structures should be reinspected for new damage as a result of the hurricane. Of the signs reinspected, seven (7) have been identified for immediate repair and are the basis for this contract.

DISCUSSION

Quotations for this project called on November 30, 2006 and closed on December 15, 2006. Bids were received from the following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Price</u> (Net HST Included)
Black & McDonald Limited	\$103,301.78*

*** recommended bidder**

A second bid received from Largo Contracting Ltd. was rejected by staff as it did not meet the tender specifications.

The scope of work for this quotation generally consists of repairing the seven (7) overhead sign structures identified as being damaged either from age or undue stress from Hurricane Juan.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award and take four weeks to complete.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price, meeting specifications, of \$103,301.78, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2006/07 Capital Budget from Account No. CTR00904, Destination Signage Program. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CTR00904, Destination Signage Program

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$139,688
Less: Quotation No. 06M153	<u>\$103,302*</u>
Balance	\$ <u>36,386</u>

This work was originally estimated at \$49,500 based on a consultant's report done in 2003. Although the bid came in substantially higher than the estimate, staff feels comfortable that the contractor has the expertise and the required knowledge to put in an accurate bid on this important and somewhat technical in nature project.

The remaining funds will be used to implement the remaining 2006/07 Destination Signage Program 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.

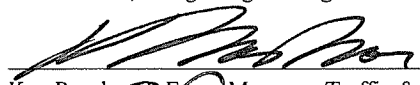
ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

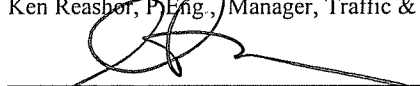
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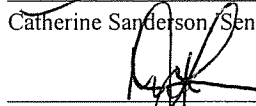
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