



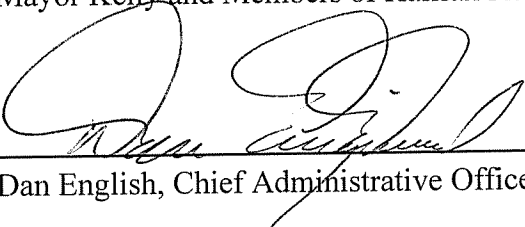
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Halifax Regional Council  
May 8, 2007

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

**DATE:** April 27, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Tender # 07-071, Herring Cove Road Community Pocket Park

**ORIGIN**

- The Herring Cove Road Streetscape Study
- The approved Capital Budget which directs investment in regional streetscapes

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender #07-071, Herring Cove Road Community Pocket Park to Elmsdale Landscaping Ltd., in the amount of \$120,062.25 (net HST included), with funding from Capital Account CDV00734, Streetscaping in Hubs and Corridors, as outlined in the budget implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

As part of the Herring Cove Road Community Development & Streetscape Planning Project, the Community Pocket on the corner of Herring Cove Road and Williams Lake Road has been identified as a priority for rejuvenation. Capital District, together with the consulting firm Vollick McKee Petersmann, have completed a planning and design exercise that included research of existing conditions and history of the site, analysis of opportunities and constraints, and a recommended design package ready for construction tender. The process included consultation with area councillors and the public through an open house held in January 2007, the distribution of an information flyer, and one-on-one discussions with area residents. A technical review was also undertaken involving consultation with HRM and Utility agencies and application of various technical documents.

As a Community Pocket Park, the design's highlights are:

- a) a formal interlock paver central plaza with light standard, park bench, and seating wall;
- b) formal interlock paver connecting trails that account for strategic entrances to the park, topography of the site, and the safety of pedestrians beyond the park and crossing the street;
- c) a new-to-HRM construction method of a lean-mix concrete base for the interlocking pavers is being applied as a pilot project. This method has proven successful and has been adopted as a standard in the City of Winnipeg;
- d) a cultural connection to this community park with the Yeadon Family who were former residents on the site and had a strong connection to the Granite Quarrying Industry. Granite stone bollards to define the park's perimeter and trail entrances will be introduced and the existing granite boulders will be re-used and re-organized in the landscaping. There have been locations identified on the plan for a future sculpture, interpretive panel, and park sign that are not part of this contract;
- e) a strong connection with transportation as it is located on the Herring Cove Road Bus Routes, it is within a planned Active Transportation School Zone and is located visibly and strategically at the signalized intersection with Williams Lake Road;
- f) a new bus stop with a bench and shelter;
- g) strategically located garbage receptacles; and
- h) new planting beds, trees, and grass sodding.

Construction start-up is planned for mid- to late May with a projected completion date of July 13/07. The park will be closed during construction and the area residents and local business association will be notified.

**DISCUSSION**

Tender #07-071, Herring Cove Road Community Pocket Park closed on April 19, 2007. Bids were submitted from the following firms:

<b><u>Name of Company</u></b>	<b><u>Total Price (Net HST Included)</u></b>
<b>Elmsdale Landscaping</b>	<b>\$120,062.25*</b>
Turfmasters Landscaping	\$122,277.30
Amber Contracting	\$149,558.33
Humphrey's Landscape and Construction	\$152,727.48

\* Recommended bidder

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Budget Summary: Capital Account No CDV00734, Streetscaping in Hubs and Corridors

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$1,064,123
Less Tender No. 07-038	<u>\$ 120,062*</u>
Uncommitted Budget	\$ 944,061

The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services. The estimated budget for this project was approximately \$200,000 including net HST.

The remaining funds from this account will be used for future street-scape projects.

**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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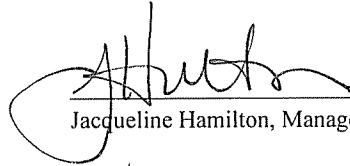
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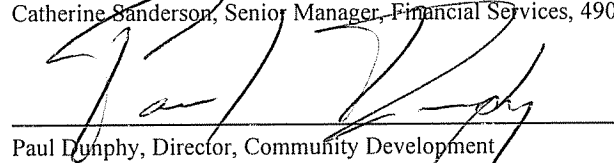
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