



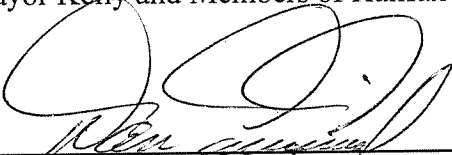
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**June 26, 2007**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

**DATE:** June 26, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Award of Unit Price Tender No. 06-360, Ellenvale Run Drainage Improvements - Bellevista Drive Culvert Replacement, East Region

**ORIGIN**

The Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Award Tender No. 06-360, Ellenvale Run Drainage Improvements - Bellevista Drive Culvert Replacement, to All Terrain Landscaping Services Inc. for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a total Tender Price of \$289,009 including net HST, from Capital Account No. CGI00615, Ellenvale Run, Dartmouth, Drainage Improvements with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report, subject to the resolution of easement issues outlined in the Discussion section of this report.
2. Approve the appointment of CBCL Limited for contract administration and inspection services on this project for an estimated fee of \$28,815 including net HST from Capital Account No. CGI00615, Ellenvale Run, Dartmouth, Drainage Improvements, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget included funds for the Ellenvale Run Drainage Improvements Project.

The Ellenvale area has a long history of flooding problems associated with Ellenvale Run dating back to the 1960s. The former City of Dartmouth began a number of improvements in the 1970s to increase the capacity of the channel. This work mostly involved widening and deepening selected sections of Ellenvale Run and lining with gabion retaining walls. However, some flooding and erosion issues still remain.

The Ellenvale Run Drainage Improvements project was initiated in 2005 to largely alleviate the remaining issues. The plan is to complete the project in phases over the next few years contingent on funding approval. Project phases include works to provide stormwater storage as well as capacity increases (e.g. culvert upgrades).

A key component of the project includes replacement/upgrade of five culverts that are currently under capacity for the major storm event. Replacements will occur from downstream to upstream. Two culvert replacements were tendered and awarded in 2006 at Patterson Street and Ellenvale Avenue. The Patterson Street Culvert was constructed in 2006. Ellenvale Avenue will be constructed in 2007.

Two additional culvert replacements are planned for 2007 at Bellevista Drive and Wanda Lane. The project which is the subject of this report - the Bellevista Drive Culvert Replacement - has a Priority One rating based on the Stormwater and Wastewater Priority Rating Process approved by Council on February 1, 2005.

**DISCUSSION**

Tenders were called on March 10, 2007 and closed on March 29, 2007. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

		<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
1	All Terrain Landscaping Services Inc.	\$279,427.30
2	R. Fraser Construction Limited	\$305,149.98
3	Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$319,040.00
4	Amber Contracting Limited	\$344,173.00
5	Harbour Construction Limited	\$364,550.00
6	W. Eric Whebby Limited	\$407,000.00
7	Humphrey's Landscape & Construction Limited	\$414,613.00
8	J. R. Eisener Contracting Limited	\$437,500.00
9	Brycon Construction Limited	\$451,000.00
10	A.C.L. Construction Limited	\$492,460.00

All Terrain Landscaping Services Inc. has met all the tendering requirements. Therefore, staff recommends the award of Tender No. 06-360, Ellenvale Run Drainage Improvements - Bellevista Drive Culvert Replacement, to All Terrain Landscaping Services Inc.

Regulatory approval has been obtained to complete this project between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. A specific start date will be determined with the contractor based on flow conditions in the Run. The project duration is expected to be six weeks.

Revisions to existing easements across adjacent private properties are required for the successful carrying out of the work included in this tender. Staff have requested these revisions from four property owners. Three of the four property owners have signed the revised easement documents. Staff have been unable to contact the fourth property owner as she is away.

It appears that it is possible to carry out the work without acquiring the fourth easement, by modifying the design somewhat. Staff are currently assessing this possibility with the assistance of our consultant, and in discussion with the low tenderer. It is anticipated that the increase in cost, if any, would be very minor.

The award of this tender has been delayed due to the time required to obtain the necessary easements.

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This is a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost will be dependent upon the actual quantities approved by the HRM Project Manager. There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest bid of \$279,427 plus \$27,860 for contract administration and inspection and net HST, the total project cost is \$317,824. Funding is available in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget from Account No. CGI00615, Ellenvale Run, Dartmouth, Drainage Improvements. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

**Budget Summary: Account No, CGI00615, Ellenvale Run, Dartmouth, Drainage Improvements**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$571,293
Less: <b>Tender 06-360</b>	\$289,009*
Less: Contract Administration and Site Inspection	\$ 28,815
Less: Tender 06-361	\$194,924
Less: Contract Administration and Site Inspection	<u>\$ 24,573</u>
Balance of Account	\$ 33,972

\* The estimate for this project was \$300,000 excluding net HST.

The balance of the account will be used for the remaining phases of the Ellenvale Run Drainage Improvements 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 could decide to not award this tender. If the work does not proceed, culvert capacity will continue to be a contributing factor to erosion along Ellenvale Run and flooding of public and private property. This alternative is not recommended by staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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