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**Halifax Regional Council
February 5, 2008**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY:

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: January 15, 2008

SUBJECT: **Tender No. 07-446 - Supply of Two (2) - Two Post Modular In-Ground Lift Systems, Total Capacity 60,000 lbs.**

ORIGIN

The 2007/2008 Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 07-446, for Two (2) - Two Post Modular In-Ground Lift Systems to Carquest Canada Ltd. for a Tender Price of \$184,725.00 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No.CBU00938 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Tender No. 07-446 - Two (2) - Two Post Modular In-Ground Lift Systems. Tenders were received from the following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Total Price(Net HST Included)</u>
Carquest Canada Ltd.	\$184,725.00*
Robert K. Buzzell Limited	\$191,758.00

* **recommended bidder**

DISCUSSION

This is Phase Three of a multi-year program to replace a total of 14 aging 28 year old hydraulic in-ground bus hoists at 200 Ilsley Avenue with a new style lift system that addresses inherent safety and environmental concerns. The remaining 6 hoists will be replaced over the next two or three years depending on availability of capital funding. The new style systems incorporate integral automatic locking safety legs which eliminate the need for support jack stands which are heavy and bulky to maneuver into place each time a bus is lifted. The new style hoists will also reduce environmental concerns regarding oil spills in that each of the two posts has a self contained power unit within an under floor containment tank. This eliminates the need to bury hydraulic cylinders in the ground where they are exposed to moisture and corrosion as well as long runs of hydraulic piping that could potentially leak.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Budget Summary: Capital Account No.CBU00938 - 200 Ilsley Avenue - Safety Upgrade

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$320,000
Less Tender No. 07-446	<u>\$184,725</u>
Uncommitted Budget	\$135,275

The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

The estimated budget for these hoists was approximately \$207,000.00 including net HST.

The remaining funds from this account are required to complete the installation of these in-ground hoists at the Metro Transit maintenance facility at 200 Ilsley Avenue.

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.


ATTACHMENTS


None

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