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> Item No. 10.1.3 Halifax Regional Council September 29, 2009

TO:

Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** 

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DATE: September 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Award - Tender No. 09-120, Bowles Arena Pavement Renewal

### **ORIGIN**

2009/10 Capital Budget

# **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council:

- 1. Allocate \$150,000 from Capital Account No. CBX01151 All Buildings Program (Bundle) to Capital Account No. CBX01158 Arena Upgrades (Bundle) and;
- 2. Award Tender No. 09-120 to Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$203,444.84 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account CBX01158 Arena Upgrades (Bundle) as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

#### BACKGROUND

The Bowles Arena has been used as a indoor ice and dry-sport recreational facility since 1975. It is booked to capacity from September to April, but when the ice surface is not installed, the facility is used for lacrosse, ball hockey and other 'dry sports'. The building accessibility is largely due to the paved parking area that ensures year- around safe access for patrons and people with disabilities.

The current condition of the asphalt parking area is no longer acceptable due to the age, condition of asphalt, maintenance costs, poor drainage, and safety issues due to difficulty of snow removal. The original asphalt has been repaired continuously since installation due to its lack of structural capacity and poor drainage.

This Tender is intended to provide a safe surface for people to access the facility, to reduce overall maintenance costs associated with the parking area and provide a clean, level exterior area for Ice Re-surfacing Machine access.

The Bowles Arena has been an integral part of the community for over 34 years; providing both social and economic benefits to the community and province. The complex is at a stage of its life cycle where a major capital investment is required in order to sustain its financial and program offerings.

#### DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on August 26 & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and closed on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Bids were received from the following companies:

Company	Lump Sum Price (Before Net HST)	Total Cost (Net HST Included)
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$196,700.00	\$203,444.84*
Sackville Trenching Limited	\$203,380.00	\$210,353.90
Ocean Contracting Limited	\$224,000.00	\$231,680.96
Basin Contracting Limited	\$333,800.00	\$345,246.00

#### \*recommended bidder

The scope of the work for this tender includes the supply, delivery, and installation of a new asphalt surface of 3,900 square meters. The tender also provides for the replacement of the existing guiderail with concrete curb, new gravel base, new rainwater leaders and ditch work.

It is anticipated that work will commence within two weeks after tender award.

There are UNIT PRICES included in this contract and the final cost will be dependent upon the actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

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### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$203,444.84, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2009/10 Capital Budget from Capital Account CBX01158 - Arena Upgrades Bundle.

Initially it was planned that a portion of the cost would be charged to Capital Account No. CBX01151 - All Buildings Program (Bundle). For clarity, continuity and administrative purposes, the budget will be aggregated in one capital account as outlined below. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

### **Budget Summary:**

Capital Account No. CBX01151 All Buildings Program (Bundle)			
<b>Res. No.1729.5</b>			
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$150,000.00		
Less: Transfer to CBX01158	<u>\$150,000.00</u>		
Balance	\$ 0		
Capital Account No. CBX01158 Arena Upgrades (Bundle)			
Res. No. 1730.7	<b>• 7</b> 0 (5( 00		
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 70,656.00		
Add: Transfer from CBX01151	\$150,000.00		
Less: Tender No. 09-120	<u>\$203,444.84</u>		
Balance	\$ 17,211.16		

\* This project was recently estimated at \$220,000+HST.

The balance of funds will be used for arena upgrades to other HRM facilities.

# 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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