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Halifax Regional Council
October 20, 2009

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: September 30, 2009

SUBJECT: **Capital Budget Increase - CPX01185 and**
Award - Tender No. 09-190 - CA Beckett Park Development

ORIGIN

Approved Capital Budgets

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. Allocate \$18,421.12 from Capital Account No. CPX01024 - Playground Upgrade and Replacement to Capital Account No. CPX01185 - New Parks & Playgrounds.
2. Award Tender No. 09-190 CA Beckett Park Development to Elmsdale Landscaping Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$52,887.22 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account Nos. CPX01185 - New Parks & Playgrounds and CCV01258 - District 17 Capital Funds, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

This project involves the creation of a park on the former C.A. Beckett School site. This former school site had (at least) one significant oil spill that affected the site and several adjacent properties. Remediation of the adjacent affected properties was done in 2004, and 2008/9. The C.A. Beckett parkland was remediated to meet the environmental requirements for public space and is classified as a managed site by NS Department of Environment.

As a managed site, no existing soil will be removed. The site will be regraded to accommodate the park amenities using the existing soil: a 10 cm layer of clean mineral base will be spread over the entire area before topsoil, sod and plants are installed. Existing asphalt will be disposed of properly.

The new park site will feature the relocated fences along the property lines, bollards at the end of Fenerty Road, site grading, landscaping with inlayed boulders (vehicle control) along Crown Drive, a bocce court, a pergola, benches, garbage receptacles, new vegetation, new trees, and sod. This design meets the needs and wishes of the neighborhood residents who approved the concept during two meetings in early 2009 with the park planner.

The fence and bollards are being installed under a separate contract at a cost of \$11,578.88 (net HST included), prior to the remaining developments.

DISCUSSION

The tender was publicly announced on September 12, September 16 and closed September 24, 2009.

Three proposals were received:

Company	Total Price of tender (before net HST)	Total Cost (Including net HST)
Elmsdale Landscaping Ltd*	\$51,133.84	\$52,887.22
Humphrey's Landscape and Construction Ltd.	\$75,102.12	\$77,677.38
Largo Contracting Ltd.	\$77,370.00	\$80,023.01

*Proposed award

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$52,887.22, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2009/10 Capital Budget from Capital Account Nos. CPX01185 New Parks & Playgrounds and CCV01258 - District 17 Capital Funds

Initially, it was planned that a portion of the cost would also be charged to Capital Account No. CPX01024 - Playground Upgrades & Replacement. 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. CPX01024 Playground Upgrades & Replacement
Reservation #637.13**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$18,421.12
Less: Transfer to CPX01185	<u>\$18,421.12</u>
Balance	\$ 0

**Capital Account No. CPX01185 New Parks & Playgrounds
Reservation #1747.5**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$29,550.00
Increase: Transfer from CPX01024	\$18,421.12
Less: Tender 09-190	<u>\$47,971.12</u>
Balance	\$ 0

**Capital Account No. CCV01258 District 17 Capital Funds
Reservation #1830.1**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$24,000.00
Less: Tender No. 09-190	<u>\$ 4,916.10</u>
Balance	\$19,083.90

*This total project was estimated in the Approved 2008/09 and 2009/10 Capital Budget at \$84,000.00

The balance of the funds will be reserved as contingency and used if needed during construction of the park.

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 may choose not to award this project; however, staff does ~~to~~ not recommend it. This park was promised to the community after the demolition of the C.A. Beckett school. Not to build the park would go against the wishes and well being of the community.

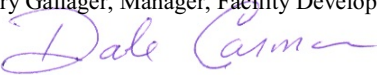
ATTACHMENTS

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