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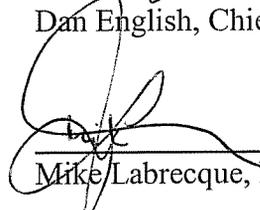
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**May 30, 2006**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Mike Labrecque, Director Transportation and Public Works Services

**DATE:** May 17, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Award of Tender 06-157 Public Gardens New Entry Plaza

**ORIGIN**

HRM Capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT HRM** award Tender No. 06-157 Public Gardens New Entry Plaza for materials and services specified, to Permacrete Restoration Services for a total tender price of \$282,965.87, including net HST with funding from Capital Account No. CPG00492, as per Budget Implications section of this report.

**BACKGROUND**

Phase I of the restoration work at the Public Gardens included repairs of the Hurricane Juan damage, restoration of the grounds, statuary, Giffen Pond, the surrounding fence, the entry plaza and the cast iron gates. That work was substantially completed and opened at a ceremony on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

The main component of Phase II of the work, the restoration of Horticultural Hall (the Public Gardens canteen), and the upgrades to the public washrooms was awarded by Regional Council on Nov. 22, 2005. That work is currently well underway and slated for completion by early summer.

The majority of the remaining work of Phase II, the renovations to the entry plaza adjacent to the Horticultural Hall restoration project is identified in Tender 06-157, and includes; domestic water and sanitary services to Horticultural Hall and the public washrooms, the installation of decks, steps and trellises at Horticultural Hall and the washrooms, and the installation of a unit paver plaza. Completion of this work will see a dramatic improvement to visitor services and access to the Public Gardens along Spring Garden Road.

Work was planned within the limits of available funding. Funding for the full scope of work at the Public Gardens to date has come from a variety of sources including HRM capital funds, ACOA and the Province of Nova Scotia, public funds raised through a campaign sponsored by Maritime Broadcasting through the auspices of its owner Robert Pace, and subsequent fundraising efforts by the Public Gardens Foundation, chaired by Robert Pace.

**DISCUSSION**

Tenders were publicly advertised on May 8, 2006 and closed on May 17, 2006 . Bids were received from the following bidders:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Lump Sum Price (Before net HST)</b>	<b>Total Cost (incl. net HST)</b>
Permacrete Restoration Services	\$273,584.65	\$282,965.87
GBCL	\$302,978.00	\$313,367.11
Ocean Contracting	\$341,180.03	\$352,879.09

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$282,965.87, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved Capital Budget from Capital Account No. CPG00492. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

**Budget Summary**

**Capital Account No. CPG00492**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$481,402
Less: <b>Tender No. 06-157</b>	<u>\$282,966*</u>
Balance	\$198,436

\* This project was estimated in the Capital Budget at \$300,000 before taxes.

Funds remaining after the completion of this Phase of the work will be directed to further improvements to other features within the Public Gardens. The current Unspent Budget does not reflect on going cost shared fund raising efforts being carried out by the Public Gardens Foundation involving private funding sources.

**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 can choose to not approve this award. This is **not** the recommended alternative as it would prevent the completion of the restoration of Horticultural Hall and the creation of a new entry and public washrooms.

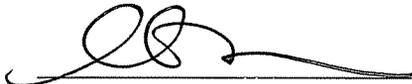
**ATTACHMENTS**

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