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**Halifax Regional Council
May 4, 2010**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: April 14, 2010

SUBJECT: **Award - Unit Price Tender No. 09-225, Ernst Mill Bridge Replacement
- East Region**

ORIGIN

The Proposed 2010/11 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Council:

1. Approve an increase of \$1,500,000 to Capital Account CRX01279 - Ernst Mill Bridge as advanced funding of the 2010/11 Proposed Capital Budget. This project will be funded through Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (2/3) and HRMs's 2010/11 Capital Budget (1/3).
2. Award construction administration and site supervision services under RFP 08-313 Consultant Award, Ernst Mill Bridge- East Region to O'Halloran Campbell Limited for an estimated fee of \$16,978.04 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No.CRX01279 Ernst Mill Bridge, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.
3. Award Tender No. 09-225, Ernst Mill Bridge Replacement- East Region to Amber Construction for a Total Tender Price of \$1,246,027.78 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No.CRX01279 - Ernst Mill Bridge, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The proposed 2010/11 Capital Budget includes funds for the Ernst Mill Bridge replacement which leverages funds from the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding Program.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on March 8, 2010 and closed on April 8, 2010. Bids were received from the following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Price (net HST included)</u>
Amber Construction Limited	\$1,246,027.78*
Brycon Construction Limited	\$1,309,876.57
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$1,365,883.37
Concrete USL	\$1,647,556.74

***recommended bidder**

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the replacement of an existing bridge with a new precast concrete bridge structure including sidewalk on both sides and associated reinstatement.

It is anticipated that work will commence after the tender is awarded and as weather permits in the spring and take 14 weeks to complete.

This is a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost will be dependent upon the actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$1,246,027.78(net HST included), funding is available in the Proposed 2010/11 Capital Budget from Capital Account No. CRX01279 - Ernst Mill Bridge. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Capital Account CRX01279, Ernst Mill Bridge - ISF

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$	0
Add: Proposed 2010/11 Capital Budget (1/3)	\$	500,000
Add: Infrastructure Stimulus Funding (2/3)	\$	1,000,000
Less: Tender No. 09-225	\$	1,246,028 *
Less: RFP 08-313	\$	<u>16,978</u>
Balance	\$	236,994

* This project is estimated in the Proposed 2010/11 capital budget at \$1,500,000.

The balance of HRM funds will be used to implement the remaining 2010/11 Bridge repairs projects approved by Council. The remaining ISF funds will be re-allocated to other eligible ISF projects.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the proposed 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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