

Item No. 10.1.1
Halifax Regional Council
May 24, 2011

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original signed by 
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DATE: April 15 2011

SUBJECT: Award Tender No. 11-151
Stone Masonry Restoration, Halifax City Hall – Phase 2

ORIGIN

Approved 2011/12 Project Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 11-151, Stone Masonry Restoration, Halifax City Hall, to Coastal Restoration and Masonry Ltd., the lowest bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$1,558,949.51 (net HST included) with funding from Project No. CBX01046 - Halifax City Hall Stone Restoration, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Halifax City Hall was designated a National Historic Site in 1987 by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. The current structure replaced a temporary and inadequate facility located on the Halifax waterfront. The new City Hall was built on the grounds of the original Dalhousie College at the north end of the Grand Parade. Edward Elliot was the architect and his design, in the flamboyant Second Empire style, was constructed between 1887/1889. The solid masonry walls are two feet thick and are faced with Wallace sandstone on a granite foundation. The building survived the Halifax Explosion of 1917 with minimal structural damage. The building received an acid/steam cleaning in 1948, the original slate roof was removed c.1950, and a major restoration effort to the exterior masonry was carried out in 1982-1983. Despite the best of intentions, the parging, re-pointing and coating of the sandstone and decorative elements did more harm than good.

Phase 1 of this multi-year project was completed in the winter of 2010/11 and Phase 2 will commence upon the award of this tender. The scope of Phase 2 includes the restoration of the Grand Parade facade. Although the completion of Phase 1 has increased our understanding of the construction techniques used by the original masons, this remains a high risk project due to the nature of the stone restoration work.

DISCUSSION

Tender No. 11-151 was advertised on HRM's Procurement Website and closed on March 17, 2011. Three (3) tender submissions were received.

Name of Company	Lump Sum Price (before net HST)	Total Price (Net HST included)
Coastal Restoration and Masonry Ltd.	\$1,494,879.00	\$1,558,949.51
Masontech Inc.	\$1,977,881.00	\$2,062,652.97
Limen Group	\$2,038,900.00	\$2,126,287.25

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based upon the lowest tendered price of \$1,558,949.51 (net HST included), funding is available in the Approved 2011/12 Project Budget from Project No. CBX01046, Halifax City Hall Stone Restoration. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Project No. CBX01046, Halifax City Hall Stone Restoration

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$1,961,402.39
Less: Tender No. 11-151	<u>\$1,558,949.51</u>
Balance	\$ 402,452.88

This project was estimated in the Approved 2011/12 Project Budget at \$1,600,00.00 (net HST included). The remaining funds will be used for future phases of this project.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could choose to not award this tender; however, this is not recommended as the project supports the Council Focus Area to maintain the existing infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.

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