

Item No. 11.1.1
Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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DATE: July 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Award - Tender No. 11-168, Long Track Oval - Civil Works - TP#1

ORIGIN

- Approved 2011/12 Project Budget
- Canada Games Oval report, HRC, March 29, 2011, Agenda No. 3(ii)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 11-168 to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Ltd., for a Total Tender Price of \$795,180.75 (net HST included) with funding from Project No. CBX01344, Outdoor Arena Legacy Project, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2011 Canada Winter Games bid included a natural ice long track speed skating oval. Due to the region's maritime climate, there was a significant risk that warm weather or rain would occur prior to or during the Games and prevent this event from being held. Therefore, the 2011 Canada Games Host Society, along with funds from the Municipality, budgeted for a refrigerated oval. Rather than have the oval operate exclusively during the Games for athletes, it was agreed that the Municipality and the Host Society would partner on opening the oval to the public prior to and post Games. This allowed the oval to be used primarily for recreational skating and secondarily for training by the Nova Scotia Canada Games speed skating team during off-peak hours.

Public response to the oval as a recreation facility was overwhelmingly positive. The oval had an attendance of approximately 100,000 for the season, despite being closed to recreational skating for several weeks for test events, competition, and the setting up and breaking down of the venue for the Canada Games. The oval opened shortly before Christmas and caught on with the public during the Christmas/New Years holidays. Its popularity continued throughout January and February with daily attendance on weekdays of 3,500 – 5,000 people. The oval web pages received more hits than any other Municipal pages on HRM's web site.

The completion of the permanent oval is scheduled to take place over two years. Phase 1, summer/fall 2011, will focus on the construction of the field of play, infield, and mechanical/electrical and include only temporary structures. Phase 2 includes the proposed construction of accessory permanent buildings to house the ice resurfer, skate storage, skate sharpening, and washrooms. Phase two has been projected to cost \$1,400,000 - Year 2 of the 2012/13 Project Budget. Community consultation on accessory permanent buildings will be undertaken in the fall of 2011.

To make the oval permanent, with an expected life of 25 years, the following improvements are planned for this Project in 2011/12:

- Stabilization of the existing soils with compacted surge and under slab heating;
- Concrete slab to encase the refrigeration piping;
- Additional storm drainage to divert water during extreme weather conditions;
- Reduction of the energy costs by adding an energy management system for the ice;
- Site lighting – field of play and path system, site security;
- An addition to the existing electrical building to house controls and pumping equipment; and
- Completed grass sports field inside the oval field of play.

In order to have the oval completed for this skating season, the middle of December, the project will be tendered sequentially in four tender packages, namely:

Tender Package #1 – Civil Works, estimated at \$1,120,000

Tender Package #2A– Concrete, estimated at \$1,100,000

Tender Package #2B – Mechanical, estimated at \$600,000

Tender Package #3 – Electrical, estimated at \$600,000

Tender Package #4 – Landscaping, FFE and soft costs, estimated at \$877,000

Total = \$4,297,000

The scope of this tender award includes the improvements to the site sanitary and storm systems, excavation of fill material and placement of engineered fills to stabilize the base. Future tender awards will address the permanent concrete slab, the improvements to the refrigeration system electrical and security systems. Although the oval constructed for the Canada Games was intended to be only a temporary facility, various components of the project have been stockpiled to be recycled or maintained on site for the proposed construction work this summer.

On March 29, 2011, Regional Council approved a total estimated project budget of \$4,297,000 with \$547,000 in Project No. CPX01190 and \$3,750,000 in Project No. CBX01344. The approved HRM Project Budget 2011/12 identified \$500,000 as cost sharing. The cost sharing is being addressed in a separate report to Regional Council.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were publicly advertised on the HRM procurement website and closed on July 20, 2011.

Bids were received from the following companies:

Long Track Oval – Civil Works - Tender No. 11-168

Company	Lump Sum Price (before net HST)	Total Cost (net HST included)
Dexter Construction Ltd.	\$762,500	\$795,180.75*
Brycon Construction Ltd.	\$897,000	\$935,445.42

* Recommended bidder

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$762,500, plus net HST of \$32,680.75, for a total project cost of \$795,180.75, funding is available from Project No. CBX01344, Outdoor Arena Legacy Project. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	Project No. CBX01344, Outdoor Arena Legacy Project
	Cumulative Unspent Budget \$3,245,403.58
	Less: Tender No. 11-168 <u>\$ 795,180.75</u> *
	Balance \$2,450,222.83

* This tender package was estimated in the Approved 2011/12 Project Budget at \$1,120,000.

The balance of funds will be used for construction of the Long Track Oval.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

Regional Council could choose to not award this Tender, but this is not recommended by staff as this work is essential to the completion of the oval for this skating season.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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