



Item No. 11.1.1
Halifax Regional Council
August 14, 2012

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____

Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer

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Brad Anguish, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: July 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Award - Tender No. 12-167, Abbey Park Playground Phase 1
Budget Increase

ORIGIN

In accordance with the Changes to Cost Sharing for Capital Projects Policy passed by Council on April 24, 2007, project budget increases related to cost sharing exceeding \$100,000 must be approved by Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

- 1) Increase Project Budget CPX01328 – New Parks and Playgrounds, by \$110,000.00 with funding from the Haliburton Hills Area Rate account C120; and
- 2) Award Tender No. 12-167 to PlayPower LT Canada Inc. for a Total Tender Price of \$91,131.00 (net HST included) with funding from CPX01328 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

During the budget process, staff identifies and incorporates all known funding opportunities into the budget for Council approval; however, every year additional opportunities from various sources become apparent after budget approval. Some of these sources include the Nova Scotia Sports & Recreation Commission (Recreation Facilities Capital Grant Program), community groups, area rate funds, corporate sponsorship, development agreements, and school parent groups.

When additional funding is received after the approval of the project budget, staff is required to obtain Council approval for any increases to the Project Budget over \$100,000.

Abbey Road Park is located on Abbey Road in Haliburton Heights, Stillwater Lake, Nova Scotia. The Park is currently under development with input from the Haliburton Highbury Residents Association. The Abbey Park site was the location for all left over fill during development of the residential component of Haliburton Heights and Highbury Park residential subdivisions. This resulted in the creation of a large level area, ready for development. The original plan for the site was a soccer field. This plan was changed by the Homeowners Association to a multi-use asphalt sport court. The sport court has been built, complete with wooded hockey boards, lights, and a well to allow flooding of the hockey rink in winter. Future plans include a playground, bicycle and walking trails, and an amphitheatre.

The Haliburton Heights Home Owners Association approached HRM to build a playground using funds from its Area Rate. Designs were drawn up in the Fall of 2011.

DISCUSSION

The Tender was posted on the Provincial Tenders website on June 14, 2012. A pre-bid meeting was held on June 28, 2012. The Tender closed on July 9, 2012. The bids received were as follows:

| <i>Company</i> | <i>Price Before Net H.S.T</i> | <i>Price Including Net H.S.T.</i> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Play Power/ Little Tikes* | \$87,385.65 | \$91,131.00 |
| TimberTec Inc. | \$99,890.00 | \$104,171.29 |

*recommended bidder

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on a total project cost of \$87,385.65 plus net H.S.T. of \$3,745.35 for a total price of \$91,131.00 (net H.S.T. included), funding is available in Project CPX01328 – New Parks and Playgrounds in reservation# 1427.14. Funding has been confirmed by Finance.

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| Budget Summary: | Project Account No. CPX01328 – New Park Development Reservation 1427.14. | |
| | Cumulative Unspent Budget | \$ 9,264.52 |
| | Add: Budget Increase from C120 | \$110,000.00 |
| | Less: Tender No. 12-167 | <u>\$ 91,131.00 *</u> |
| | Balance | \$ 28,133.52 |

* This project was estimated in the Approved 2012/13 Haliburton Hills Area Rate budget at \$110,000.00.

The balance of funds will be used for further improvements in the Haliburton Hills neighbourhood.

The 2013/14 project budget will include \$2500.00 in Operating Cost of Capital Funding in project No. CPX01328 to maintain this playground.

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. If approved, this report will increase the Gross Project Budget but not the net.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications not identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose not to award this contract or to defer the work. This is not recommended because it is not in keeping with HRM's Council Focus Area – Infrastructure "maintenance of existing facilities", and it would leave the community underserved.

ATTACHMENTS

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agenda/oc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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