

Item No. 11.1.1
Halifax Regional Council
September 25, 2012

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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DATE: September 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Award - Unit Price Tender # 12-173 Emera Oval Landscaping, (Plaza and Common Area Improvements) Halifax Common

ORIGIN

The Approved 2012/13 Project Budget
November 22, 2011, In Camera Report “Oval Naming Rights and Sponsorship”
December 13, 2011, Halifax Regional Council Report “Oval Sponsorship – Letters of Agreement, Item No. 10.1.4

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No 12-173, Emera Oval Landscaping, Halifax Common, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Turfmasters Landscaping Ltd. for a Total Tender Price of \$1,081,410.26 (net HST Included) with funding from Project No. CPX01329 – Park Upgrades, and Project No. CDG01137 - Community Events Venues, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

In the fall of 2010, HRM constructed a temporary long track speed skating oval as an event venue for the 2011 Canada Winter Games. Subsequently, Regional Council approved a multi-year plan for the construction of a permanent ice surface in the fall of 2011, and the construction of the plaza and support building in the approved 2012/13 capital budget.

Funding for the plaza and support building is as follows:

- CPX01329 - Park Upgrades - \$650,000
- CDG01137 - Community Events Venues - \$700,000
- CBX01344 – Long Term Arena Strategy - \$2,000,000
- **Total - \$3,350,000**

Public response to the oval has been positive. Public consultation has identified a number of priorities including making the Emera Oval a 12 month year-round facility. The construction of the Plaza and common areas improvements will help to address this priority. The plaza will give the public an opportunity to come together for a number of recreational, sport and cultural activities.

The scope of work for this award is restricted to the plaza and common area improvements. Future awards will help to address community consultation, the design and construction of the oval support building, and a number of concurrent site activities such as decorative lighting and gantry installation. Community consultation led by the asset owner (Community & Recreation Services) and the project team, will advise the Architect on the building design and function.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called and posted to the Province of Nova Scotia's Procurement Services website on August 23, 2012, and closed September 11, 2012.

Bids were received from the following companies:

Company	Lump Sum Price (Before Net HST)	Total Cost (Net HST Included)
*Turfmasters Landscaping Ltd.	\$1,036,965.90	\$1,081,410.26
Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	\$1,275,900.00	\$1,330,585.07
Ocean Contractors Ltd	\$1,404,122.00	\$1,464,302.67

*Recommended contractor

It is anticipated that work will commence within one week of the tender award and take eight (8) weeks to complete. The schedule for this work is for completion prior to the winter 2012 skating season. The level of schedule risk is high with the uncertainty of weather conditions as winter approaches. The schedule risk will be mitigated by continuous monitoring of the schedule by Facility Development and undertaking corrective action to ensure the opening is not delayed.

The contract documents for this award have been prepared by HRM staff. This construction will complete the construction of the plaza and common area improvement and includes:

- Placement of gravels, concrete unit pavers
- Concrete walls and a new 3.5m wide sidewalk on Cogswell Street
- Placement of existing stockpiled topsoil, sod and shrubs
- Electrical conduit and light bases

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$1,036,965.90, plus net HST of \$44,444.36, for a net total of \$1,081,410.26, funding is available in the Approved 2012/13 Project Budget from Project Nos. CPX01329 – Park Upgrades and CDG01137 - Community Events Venues. The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

Budget Summary:	Project No. CPX01329 - Park Upgrades	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$1,007,126.93
	Less Tender No. 12-173	<u>\$ 631,109.53</u>
	Balance	\$ 376,017.40
	Project No. CDG01137 - Community Events Venues	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$707,375.23
	Less Tender No. 12-173	<u>\$450,300.73</u>
	Balance	\$257,074.50

This portion-of the project was estimated in the Approved 2012/13 Project Budget at \$1,350,000.

This project was approved during budget deliberations and the balance of funds will be used to design and construct the support building.

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

Extensive community consultation has been conducted in the planning and construction of the Halifax Common oval facility and the municipality has received overwhelming support for the construction of the permanent facility. Further community consultation will be undertaken in the fall of 2012 to receive further input from the community on the design of the support building

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications identified with this project.

ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose not to approve the recommendation in this report, but this is not recommended by staff. The Emera Oval is very popular civic venue and the work of this tender will begin to respond to requests to make the site more permanent.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Emera Oval Landscaping

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Attachment A
Emera Oval Landscaping

