


Item No. 10.1.2
Halifax Regional Council
May 14, 2013

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer

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Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 22, 2013

SUBJECT: **Award - Unit Price Tender No. 13-233, Porters Lake Park & Ride,
Inspiration Drive - East Region**

ORIGIN

The Approved 2012/13 Project Budget.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Under the HRM Charter, Section 79 Halifax Regional Council may expend money for municipal purposes. Administrative Order #35, the Procurement Policy, requires Council to approve the award of contracts for sole sources exceeding \$50,000 or \$500,000 for tenders and RFP's.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Municipality award Tender 13-233, Porters Lake Park & Ride, Inspiration Drive – East Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$638,960.32 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account No. CMX01104 – Rural Community Transit, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2012/13 Project Budget includes funds for the expansion of the MetroX rural express transit service into the community of Porters Lake. This expansion includes the construction of a Park & Ride facility near Exit 20 in Porters Lake. The Park & Ride will be located across from the Porters Lake Elementary School and the Lake and Shore Recreation Centre on Inspiration Drive. It will include approximately 135 parking spaces, and a separate bus loop.

MetroX is a limited-stop, commuter express service operated by Metro Transit. The need for this service was identified by the HRM Regional Transit Plan – Park and Ride, Express and Rural Transportation Services study completed in 2007. There are currently two MetroX services, the Route 330 Tantallon/Sheldrake Lake and the Route 320 Airport/Fall River. The proposed service to Porters Lake will be a commuter based express service that will operate on weekdays, primarily during peak hours. The award of this tender will support the anticipated launch of the service in November 2013.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called and posted to the Province of Nova Scotia's Procurement website on April 4, 2013 and closed on April 19, 2013. Bids were received from following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Price (net HST included)</u>
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$638,960.32 *
Brycon Construction Limited	\$658,983.23
Silco Contracting Limited	\$678,928.97
Atlantic Road Construction & Paving Limited	\$706,277.72
Ocean Contractors Limited	\$707,997.65
J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited	\$767,752.91
Basin Contracting Limited	\$769,958.14

***recommended bidder**

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the construction of a parking lot and bus loop. Included in this contract is; the clearing and grubbing of the existing site, earthwork, asphalt paving, curb installation, catchbasin installations and associated sign, electrical and lighting installations.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award and take 12 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$612,700.00 plus net HST of \$26,260.32, for a net total of \$638,960.32, funding is available in the Approved 2012/13 Project Budget from Project Account No. CMX01104 – Rural Community Transit. The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

Budget Summary: **Project Account No. CMX01104 – Rural Community Transit**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$1,783,661.81
Less: Tender No. 13-233	<u>\$ 638,960.32</u> *
Balance	\$1,144,701.49

*The project included in this tender was estimated in the Approved 2012/13 Project Budget at \$709,500.

The balance of funds will be used to address any additional costs associated with launching the Porters Lake MetroX service, and the expansion of the MetroX Park & Ride in Fall River.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Implications not identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose not to approve the recommendations in this report, but this is not recommended by staff.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.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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