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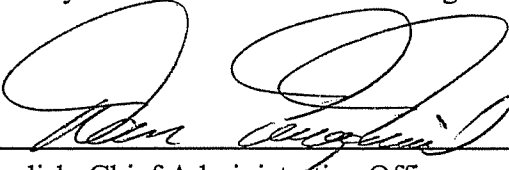


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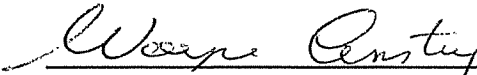
Halifax Regional Council
January 10, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



Wayne Anstey, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 4, 2006

SUBJECT: Award of RFP No. 05-162
Architectural Services - East Dartmouth Recreation Centre

ORIGIN

Approved 2005/2006 Capital Budget Account No. CB200453, East Dartmouth Recreation Centre.

RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

Council RFP No. 05-162 Architectural Services, East Dartmouth Recreation Centre, to Sperry & Partners Architects for architectural services for the design and construction phases for a total tender award of \$279,566 including net HST.

Funding is available from Capital Account No. CB200453, East Dartmouth Recreation Centre, as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The project was identified in HRM's Indoor Recreation Facility Master Plan dated June 2004. The New East Dartmouth Recreation Centre will be located in Dartmouth at 38 Caledonia Road. This area of the city was originally developed in the early 1960's and the Kinsmen Arena, which previously operated on a nearby site, was a main focus for community activities. Unfortunately as the building aged, its maintenance costs became insurmountable, and the arena was torn down in the early 1990's .

In February 1999 a 'NEEDS' Assessment was carried out by HRM's Recreation Tourism and Culture and the Dartmouth East Coalition Association (DECA). At present East Dartmouth is the only segment of the former City of Dartmouth without a community centre and one of the few areas of the Halifax Regional Municipality that does not reap the benefits of a dedicated community/recreation facility. It is viewed as a critically important investment for the overall social stability and development of the community, and particularly important for the youth.

A partnership was subsequently developed by RTC between HRM and the Boys and Girls Club of East Dartmouth and the building will be designed to house both organizations. As well, approximately 10% of the facility may be dedicated to other possible tenants that compliment the community needs. The centre can also provide facilities to HRM EMO for an emergency shelter.

In addition to the program spaces for HRM Recreation Tourism and Culture, the centre will provide:

- A gymnasium/ multipurpose room,
- Various meeting rooms,
- A small commercial kitchen and staff kitchen,
- A seniors area,
- The Boys and Girls Club.

The preliminary building program estimates that the building will be approximately 22,000 square feet in total floor area with an estimated total budget of \$3.3 million. This project is anticipated to be being funded by all three levels of Government. The Municipal share of \$1,100,000, approved in the 2004/05 and 2005/06 Capital Budgets is in place. HRM has received written commitment from the Province of Nova Scotia for their funding commitment of \$1,100,000 and continue to work with the Federal Government and are optimistic that the Federal funding will ultimately be committed. A report to Council authorizing the required capital budget increase and the issuance of the construction tender will not proceed until full funding is in place. In the meantime staff believe the commitment to be close enough to warrant commencing the project design funded from the HRM project budget.

This will be one of HRM's first projects to pursue a 'LEED Silver' rating. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. This design and construction process will result in this building demonstrating principles of sustainable design, construction and energy efficiency that Council has supported on numerous occasions. The associated consulting fees are included in the figures below.

An RFP for Architectural Services was issued on November 2, 2005 and closed on November 30, 2005. There were five consultant submissions, summarized as follows:

Ranking	Company	Submission Score	Lump Sum Price (before taxes)	Total Cost (incl net taxes)
1	* Sperry & Partners	89.7	\$270,300	\$279,566
2	DSRA	85.5	\$244,000	\$252,364
3	FBM	77.4	\$307,500	\$318,041
4	S P Dumaresq	76.3	\$199,500	\$206,339
5	L. Paul Hebert	66.3	\$264,475	\$273,541

*Recommended proponent

DISCUSSION

On December 6 and 15, 2005, an evaluation committee met which comprised of staff members from RPAM Capital Projects, HRM Procurement, and a representative of the East Dartmouth Recreation Centre Society. Recreation Tourism and Culture observed the process.

The committee assessed the submissions and unanimously felt that Sperry & Partners Architects clearly differentiated their team as the best proponent for this project during the interview process and demonstrated a superior understanding of the questions asked, and the dynamics of a Community Centre project.

A detailed evaluation is attached to this report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the tendered price of \$270,300.00, plus net HST, for a total of \$279,566.00 funding is available in the 2005/06 Approved Capital Budget from Capital Account No. CB200453, East Dartmouth Recreation Centre. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CB200453 - East Dartmouth Recreation Centre

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$1,081,146.
Less: Env. Site Assessment	\$ 9,526
Less: RFP No. 05 - 162	\$ <u>279,566</u> **
Balance	\$ 792,054

**This project was estimated within Capital Account CB200453 approved in the 2005/06 Capital Budget at \$280,000. The remaining funds will be used for the construction phase of this project in addition to the funds from our provincial and federal funding partners.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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

ALTERNATIVES

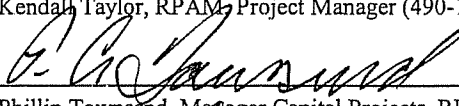
Council can choose to not award this project. This would result in the project not being able to move forward to design phase. This is not the recommended alternative.

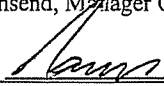
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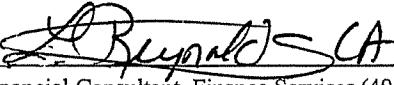
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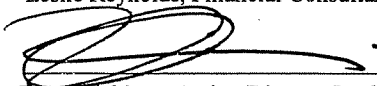
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Architectural Services - East Dartmouth Recreation Centre

PROPOSAL EVALUATION RFP # 05-162

PROPOSAL: Architectural Services - East Dartmouth Recreation Centre						
CRITERIA	MAX. SCORE	SUBMISSION SCORE				
		DSRA	FBM	L. Paul Hebert	SP Dumaresq	Sperry & Partners
1. PROPONENT'S TEAM - composition, experience, - organization and personnel - references	50	44.0	40.8	32.0	33.5	48.0
2. APPROACH/MGT/ WORK PLAN - scope of services - management of project - work plan/schedule	25	21.8	23.2	18.1	19.3	23.8
3. SUBMISSION QUALITY	5	4.2	4.2	2.7	3.5	5.0
4. FEE PROPOSAL	20	15.5	9.2	13.5	20.0	12.9
	Cost (excl. HST)	\$244,000	\$307,500.00	\$264,475.00	\$199,500.00	\$270,300.00
TOTAL	100	85.5	77.4	66.3	76.3	89.7
RANKING		2	3	5	4	1

