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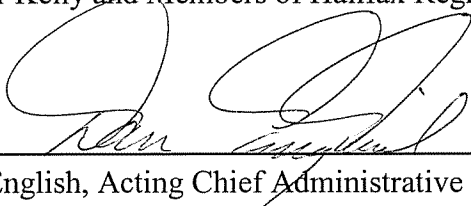


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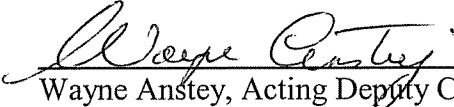
Halifax Regional Council
November 22, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer



Wayne Anstey, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 7, 2005

SUBJECT: Award - E.O.I. No. 05-166
Horticultural Hall Repairs and Washroom Upgrades

ORIGIN

The 2005-06 Capital Budget approved funding for the restoration of Horticultural Hall in the Public Gardens.

RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT HRM award Expression of Interest 05-166 Horticultural Hall Repairs and Washroom Upgrades to Gaudet Building Contractors Limited for materials and services specified, for a total tender price of \$587,476.72, including net HST with funding from Capital Account No. CPG00492, as per Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Subsequent to Hurricane Juan in 2003 significant public support was focussed on the repairs and restoration of the Public Gardens. Much of this support was manifested in a fundraising campaign sponsored by Maritime Broadcasting through the auspices of its owner Robert Pace. The unprecedented success of this campaign led to the formation of the Public Gardens Foundation, a volunteer group, tasked with coordinating efforts with HRM elected officials and staff in developing a restoration plan for the Public Gardens. Phase I of that plan in 2004 saw the development of a management plan, restoration of the grounds, statuary, Giffen Pond, the surrounding fence, the entry plaza and the cast iron gates.

The work included in this award is part of Phase II of this program and is focussed on the restoration of Horticultural Hall (Public Gardens canteen) as well as improvements to and expansion of public washroom facilities. Future elements of this Phase, soon to be tendered, will include upgrades to the Spring Garden Road streetscape. This will be followed by upgrades to the entry gates adjacent to Horticultural Hall. Completion of this work will see a dramatic improvement to public access to the Public Gardens along Spring Garden Road as well as the return of Horticultural Hall to its original architectural splendour and place of prominence in the Gardens.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were publicly advertised on August 27, 2005 and closed on Wednesday October 12. Bids were received from the following bidders:

Company	Total Score*	Lump Sum Price (before taxes)	Total Cost (including net HST)
1. Gaudet Building Contractors Ltd.	86.9	\$568,000.00	\$587,476.72
2. Dora Construction	82.1	\$770,000.00	\$796,403.30
3. J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Ltd.	70.4	\$686,300.00	\$709,833.23

* Detailed breakdown of proposal evaluations is attached

Work is anticipated to begin this fall with completion by June 1, 2006.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$ 587,476.72, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget from Capital Account No. CPG00492. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary **Capital Account No.CPG00492 Public Gardens Management Plan and Restoration**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$871,253.00
Less: Tender No.	<u>\$587,476.72</u> *
Balance	\$ 283,776.28

*This total project is estimated at \$1,000,000. Remaining funds will be directed towards future phases of the upgrades to the Public Gardens including management plan, streetscape upgrades at Spring Garden Road entry and gate upgrades at Spring Garden Road entry. The current Unspent Budget does not reflect on going fund raising carried out by the Public Gardens Foundation.

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

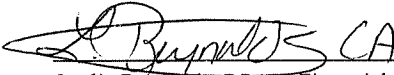
Council can choose to not award this tender. This would mean that the restoration of Horticultural Hall and improvements to washroom amenities would not proceed. This is **not** the recommended alternative.

ATTACHMENTS

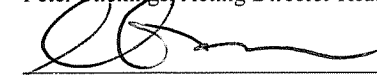

E.O.I. 05-166 Evaluation Table

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HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
 Real Property and Asset Management
 PROPOSAL EVALUATION

PROJECT/PROPOSAL: E.O.I. 05-166 Horticultural Hall Repairs and Washroom Upgrades

CRITERIA	MAX. SCORE	SUBMISSION		
		LINDSAY	DORA CONSTRUCTION	GBCL
PROPOSANT'S SUBMISSION	40	24	34.6	33.6
INTERVIEW	40	30.6	34.6	33.3
LUMP SUM PRICE PROPOSAL	20	15.8	12.9	20
TOTAL		70.4	82.1	86.9
RANKING		3	2	1