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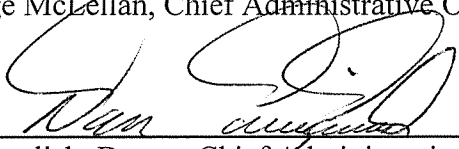
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Halifax Regional Council
June 28, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 04-260, Beaver Bank Municipal Services, Phase 4E, Central Region

ORIGIN

The Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

1. award Tender No. 04-260, Beaver Bank Municipal Services, Phase 4E - Central Region to J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a tender price of \$1,984,290.25 plus net HST for a total of \$2,052,332, including net HST from Capital Account No. CGU00386, Beaver Bank Municipal Services, Phase 4E, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.
2. approve the appointment of CBCL Ltd. for construction inspection services for an estimated fee of \$75,978 plus net HST for a total of \$78,583 from Capital Account No. CGU00386, Beaver Bank Municipal Services, Phase 4E, with funding as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Halifax Regional Municipality in cooperation with the Federal and Provincial Governments under the Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program have provided funding to construct sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water distribution systems in the Beaver Bank Area. This phase of the project (Phase 4E) will provide servicing on Majestic Avenue, Trinity Lane, Woods Court, Canavan Drive, Frederick Street, and the drainage easement between Canavan Drive and Frederick Street.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on August 14, 2004 and closed on August 24, 2004. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited	\$1,984,290.25
2. A.C.L. Construction Limited	\$2,170,900.00
3. Amber Contracting Limited	\$2,293,095.00
4. W. Eric Whebby Limited	\$2,294,775.00
5. Brycon Construction Limited	\$2,415,000.00
6. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$2,818,175.00

The scope of work for this tender includes construction of sanitary sewer, water distribution system, including services to the property lines, one sanitary sewer pumping station, forcemain and all environmental protection measures during construction.

This tender closed on August 24, 2004. Due to variances in Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program (CNSIP) funding (as presented in a report to Council on April 12, 2005), the project could not be awarded at that time. As a result, staff requested CNSIP to rearrange funding within the Beaver Bank projects in order to correct the variances. In June 2005, staff received confirmation from CNSIP that our request had been approved.

As the time for acceptance of this tender has expired, J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited was no longer obligated to maintain their tender bid. As a result, staff requested and received a formal commitment from J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited to complete this project for the same tender price.

Since this project was designed by CBCL Limited, and will require more staff time than can be allocated at this time, it is recommended that they be retained to provide construction inspection and administration services. The estimated fee for this service is \$75,978 plus applicable taxes. If approved, the payment to the consultant will be based on the amount of actual time spent on the project in accordance with the hourly fees quoted in the design proposal.

It is anticipated that construction will commence within three weeks of the tender award.

This is a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost will be dependent upon the actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

Since this project involves the installation of new sewer and water systems Local Improvement Charges will apply, as per By-Law L-108.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$1,984,290.25, plus net HST, for a total project cost of \$2,052,332 and construction inspection services of \$75,978 plus net HST for a total project cost of \$78,583 funding is available in Account No. CGU00386, Beaver Bank Area Servicing, Phase 4E. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

Capital Account No. CGU00386, Beaver Bank Area Servicing Phase 4E

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$2,173,265
Less: Tender No. 04-260 (requisition #2050198199)	\$2,052,332
Less: Construction, inspection services (requisition #2050199859)	\$ 78,583
	\$ 42,350

Cost Breakdown	1/3 Federal
	1/3 Provincial
	<u>1/3 Local Improvement Charges</u>
	Net cost to HRM \$0.

The remaining funds in this account are required to implement the remaining Phase of this project.

Environmental Management Services, who has co-ordinated the development of the project and its inclusion in the Capital Budget, have reviewed this report and concur with its recommendations.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

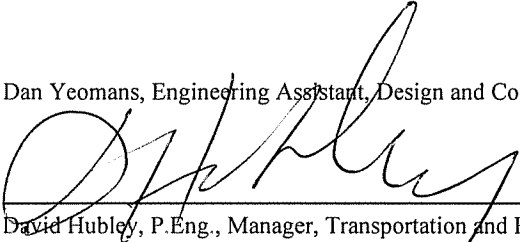
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

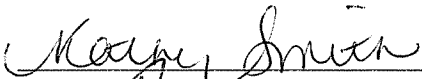
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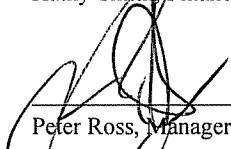
There are no recommended alternatives.

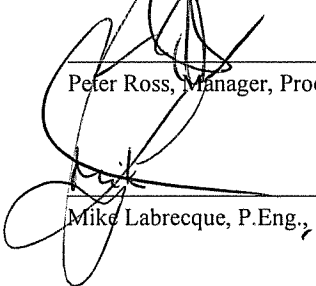
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