



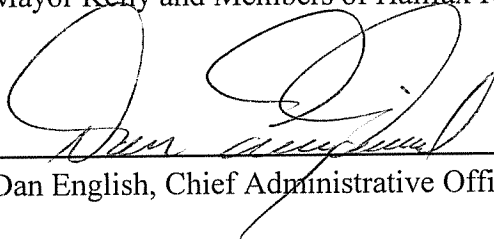
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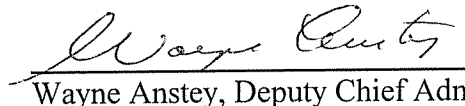
Halifax Regional Council
June 12, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: June 1, 2007

SUBJECT: **Award - Unit Price Tender No. 07-225, New Sidewalk and Traffic Improvements, St. Margarets Bay Road - West Region**

ORIGIN

The Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for the upgrade of asphalt sidewalk to concrete and new concrete curb and gutter on St. Margarets Bay Road - West Region by levy of frontage charges to the abutting property owners.
2. award Tender No. 07-225, New Sidewalk and Traffic Improvements, St. Margarets Bay Road - West Region to Dexter Construction Company Limited for material and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$858,425.53 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CJU00785 - New Sidewalks and Capital Account No. CTR00905 - Intersection Improvement Program, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget includes funds for the new sidewalk and traffic improvements on St. Margarets Bay Road from Keating Road to Douglas Drive.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on April 28, 2007 and closed on May 15, 2007. Bids were received from the following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Price for New Sidewalk, Traffic Improvements and Sanitary Sewer Upgrade (Net HST Included)</u>
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$2,329,910.90*
J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited	\$2,901,550.60
A.C.L. Construction Limited	\$3,745,474.30

*only the New Sidewalk and Traffic Improvement section of the tender is recommended for award.

Bids for the new sidewalk and traffic improvements section of the tender were as follows:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Price for New Sidewalk and Traffic Improvements (Net HST Included)</u>
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$858,425.53**
J.R. Eisener Contracting Limited	\$1,196,885.50
A.C.L. Construction Limited	\$1,513,217.90

****recommended bidder**

This tender was made up of two projects, (1) New Sidewalk and Traffic Improvements and (2) Sanitary Sewer Upgrades. The sanitary sewer upgrade part of this tender included replacing the Balcomes Drive pumping station with a deep gravity sewer pipe. However, the cost of the gravity pipe system was approximately 2.5 times the estimated cost of pumping station upgrade. The primary reason given by contractors for the high cost was that the tender required the deep sewer to be constructed while maintaining one lane of traffic access through the construction site. Contractors felt the risk of delaying the completion of the two projects within the allotted time, or compromising the safety of motorists and/or workers was high, and priced the job accordingly. Due to the high cost, staff are not recommending that the gravity sewer option proceed at this time.

The scope of work for this tender includes the construction of a third travel lane, crosswalk, and replacement of existing asphalt sidewalk and curb with new concrete sidewalk and curb and gutter.

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.

The installation of new concrete curb & gutter and the upgrade of asphalt sidewalk to concrete are subject to Local Improvement Charges. As requested by Councillor Mosher, Local Improvement Charges will be based on a charge per foot of frontage to the abutting property owners. The residents have been notified that Councillor Mosher has waived the petition process. On April 25, 2006, Halifax Regional Council approved a blended actual costs approach in determining the rate of Local Improvement Charges. The rate will be set once all the tenders have been completed and the final costs determined.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$858,425.53, including net HST, funding is available in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget from Account No. CJU00785 - New Sidewalks and Capital Account No. CTR00905 - Intersection Improvement Program. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: **Capital Account No. CJU00785, New Sidewalks**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$1,447,225
Less: Tender No. 07-225	<u>\$ 429,213 *</u>
Balance	\$1,018,012

Budget Summary: **Capital Account No. CTR00905, Intersection Improvement Program**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$995,444
Less: Tender No. 07-225	<u>\$429,213 **</u>
Balance	\$566,231

* The projects included in this tender were estimated in the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget at \$450,000 and \$450,000 respectively.

The remaining funds from these accounts are required to implement the remaining 2007/08 New Sidewalks and Traffic Improvement Program projects approved by Council.

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

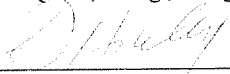
There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.


ATTACHMENT

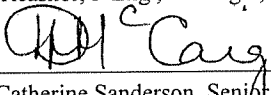
Plan showing a portion of St Margarets Bay Road for new sidewalk and traffic improvements


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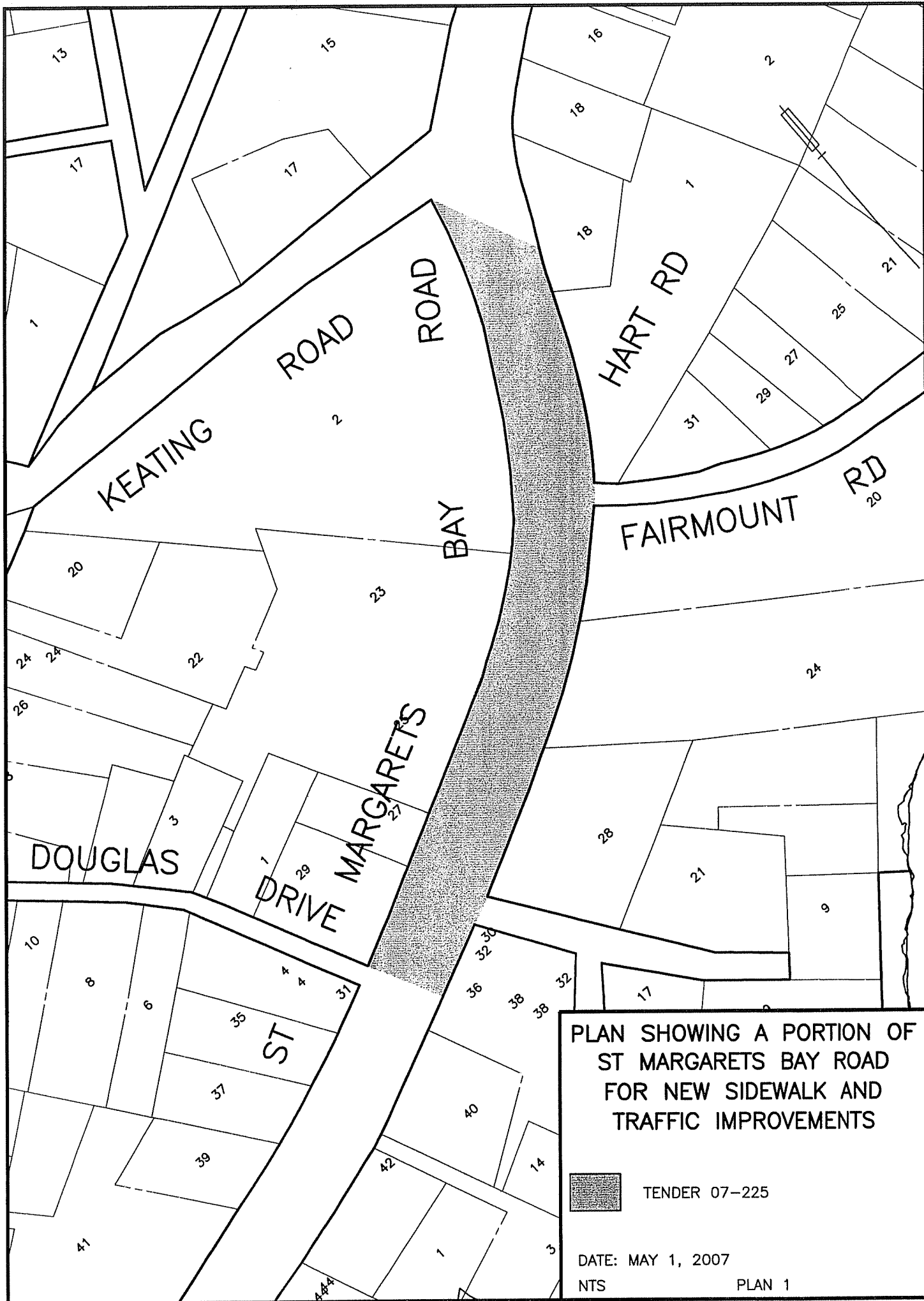
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PLAN SHOWING A PORTION OF
ST MARGARETS BAY ROAD
FOR NEW SIDEWALK AND
TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS



TENDER 07-225

DATE: MAY 1, 2007

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PLAN 1