

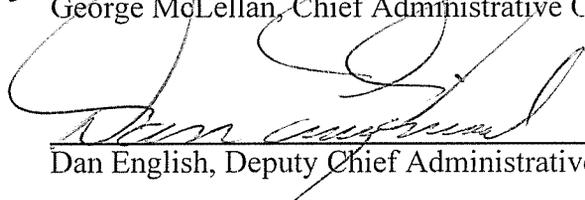


Halifax Regional Council
February 19, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 7, 2001

SUBJECT: Award of Tender No. 02-206, Traffic Signal Upgrades - Quinpool Road - Western Region

ORIGIN

Approved 2001/02 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. approve an increase in the Capital Budget for Capital Account No. CTR00416, Traffic Signal Installation, in the amount of \$26,167. These funds are available as a withdrawal from Account No. CRESPOOL.
2. award Tender No. 02-206, Traffic Signal Upgrades - Quinpool Road to Black & McDonald Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$78,357., plus net HST and 10% for quality control/quality assurance and unforeseen works for a Total Project Cost of \$91,735., with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2001/02 Approved Capital Budget includes funding for use in all areas of HRM that traffic improvements are warranted. This project is designed to improve traffic flow on Quinpool Road, thereby encouraging motorists to use it more as a main route as opposed to short-cutting through predominantly residential neighbourhoods.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on January 12, 2002 and closed on January 25, 2002. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Black & McDonald Limited	\$78,357.00
2. XL Electric Limited	\$82,671.74

The scope of work for this project generally consists of the installation of new traffic signals and the conversion of existing RA-5 installations to traffic signals to improve traffic flow on Quinpool Road between Cornaught Avenue and Vernon Street / Quingate Place.

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$78,357. from Black & McDonald Limited, plus net HST and 10% for quality control/quality assurance and unforeseen works, the Total Project Cost is \$91,735. Given the time of year, it is anticipated that construction will commence in the spring of 2002.

Since this project falls outside the Local Improvement Policy, charges do not apply.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this tender is available in the 2001/2002 Approved Capital Budget under the Account Number CTR00416 - Traffic Signal Installation with an uncommitted balance of \$65,568., (gross budget \$1,719,000.) This has been confirmed by staff of Finance. As the total project cost for the tendered project is \$91,735., \$26,167. more than the available funds in Account CTR00416, the additional funds must be withdrawn from Account No. CRESPOOL. Staff has reviewed the current status of CRESPOOL and has determined that there are sufficient surplus funds available to cover the \$26,167. shortfall. Therefore, \$91,735. is available for this tender, which has been confirmed by staff of Finance.

This meets the criteria for use of the Capital Pool Fund as per the Capital Pool Procedures Report, dated May 8, 2001 and approved by Council May 15, 2001.

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.

This tender is part of an ongoing program of intersection signalization within HRM. The improvements to these intersections will significantly enhance the movement of traffic and improve overall pedestrian safety.

The new traffic signal installation will add to HRM's inventory and increase future maintenance costs.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Quinpool Road

① Traffic Signal Upgrades

② RAS Conversions for Traffic Signals

Scale 1: 6366

