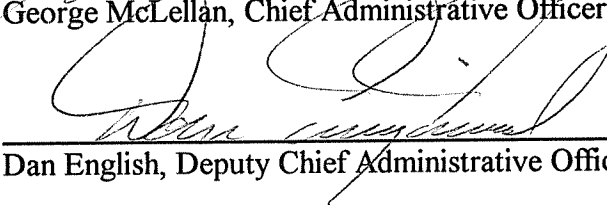

Halifax Regional Council
March 19, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 11, 2002

SUBJECT: Award of Tender No. 02-203, Johnstone Avenue Upgrading, Eastern Region

ORIGIN

Approved 2002/03 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. approve the recovery of Local Improvement Charges for new sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter on Johnstone Avenue, by an amount of \$16,653.20., to be applied to the general area rate of District 8.
2. award Tender No. 02-203, Johnstone Avenue Upgrading to Lafarge Canada Inc. for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$464,307.50, plus net HST and 10% for quality control/quality assurance and unforeseen works for a Total Project Cost of \$543,600., with funding from capital accounts CZR00357, CGR00368, CKR00948 and CK00141 as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Funding for the upgrading of Johnstone Avenue in Dartmouth was included in the Approved Capital Budgets for 2001/02 and 2002/03. The section of Johnstone Avenue scheduled for this upgrading is that section from Fenwick Street to Esson Road and including the short remaining section from Esson Road to Pleasant Street.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on January 26th, 2002 and the following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Lafarge Canada Inc	\$464,307.50
2. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$544,600.00
3. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$563,820.00

The scope of work tendered for this upgrading project consisted of street upgrading works and associated sidewalk renewal, curb upgrading, upgrading to the localized storm drainage system and a short section of new curb and sidewalk to the short section that lies between Esson Road and Pleasant Street.

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$464,307.50 from Lafarge Canada Inc., plus net HST and 10% for quality control/quality assurance and unforeseen works, the Total Project Cost is \$543,600. Construction work will be scheduled for the opening of the 2002 construction season.

For the new curb and sidewalk applicable to the short section of Johnstone Avenue between Esson Road and Pleasant Street, Local Improvement Charges will apply. As per Councillor Hetherington's request, these Local Improvement Charges will be recovered by way of a general area rate applied to District 8. The amount of LIC to be recovered is \$16,653.20, for new sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter based upon the 2001 rates of \$13.27 per foot frontage for new sidewalk and \$18.33 per foot frontage for new concrete curb and gutter. This project is a carry over from 2001.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this upgrading project is available from the following accounts, which have been confirmed by Finance.

- 1) For the street upgrading, \$430,000. from Account Number CZR00357 - Resurfacing Various Locations with an uncommitted balance of \$1,793,198., (gross budget \$34,687,338.)
- 2) For the subsurface drainage portion of this tender, \$33,000. from Account Number CGR00368 - Various Storm Drainage Repairs with an uncommitted balance of \$33,402., (gross budget \$190,000.)
- 3) For the sidewalk renewal portion of this tender, \$80,600. from the Sidewalk Renewal Account Numbers CKR00948 (\$63,000.) uncommitted balance \$63,117. (gross budget \$64,480) and CKU001411 (\$17,600.) uncommitted balance \$338,432. (gross budget \$2,349,414.)

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 street upgrading within HRM. The improvements to this street will result in less future maintenance and improved safety for traffic and pedestrians.

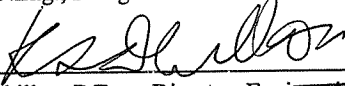
ALTERNATIVES

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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