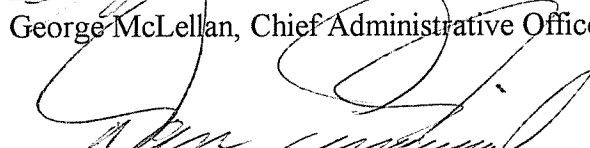


Halifax Regional Council
March 19, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 8, 2002

SUBJECT: Award Tender No. 02-204, Bissett Road Reconstruction and New Sidewalk - 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 Bissett Road, by an amount of \$47,124., to be applied to the general area rate of District 5.
2. award Tender No. 02-204, Bissett Road Reconstruction and New Sidewalk to Dexter Construction Company Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$264,180., plus net HST and 10% for quality control/quality assurance and unforeseen works for a Total Project Cost of \$309,280., with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2002/03 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for the reconstruction of Bissett Road from Cole Harbour Road to approximately civic #65 Bissett Road. The 2001/02 Approved Budget also includes funds for the construction of new sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter on the east side of Bissett Road for the same limits as the street reconstruction.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on January 26, 2002 and closed on February 8, 2002. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$264,180.00
2. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$292,000.00
3. Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$296,780.50

The scope of work for this project generally consists of the reconstruction of Bissett Road and the construction of new sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter from Cole Harbour Road to approximately civic #65 Bissett Road.

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$264,180. from Dexter Construction Company Limited, plus net HST and 10% for quality control/quality assurance and unforeseen works, the Total Project Cost is \$309,280. Given the time of year, it is anticipated that construction will commence in the spring of 2002.

Since this project involves the construction of new sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter, Local Improvement Charges will apply. As per Councillor McInroy's request, the Local Improvement Charge is to be recovered by way of a general area rate applied to District 5. The amount of LIC to be recovered is \$47,124., for new sidewalk and new concrete curb and gutter based upon the 2001 rates of \$13.27 per foot frontage for new sidewalk and \$9.17 per foot frontage for new concrete curb and gutter. This project is a carry over from 2001.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the new sidewalk portion of this tender in the amount of \$79,280. is available in the 2001/02 and 2002/2003 Approved Capital Budgets under the Account Number CJR00956 - New Sidewalks with an uncommitted balance of \$897,886., (gross budget \$2,185,000.) Funding for the street reconstruction portion of this tender in the amount of \$230,000. is available in the 2002/2003 Approved Capital Budget under the Account Number CZR00357 - Resurfacing Various Locations with an uncommitted balance of \$2,548,163., (gross budget \$34,687,338.) This has been confirmed by staff of Finance.

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 pedestrians and traffic.

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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