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Halifax Regional Council  
June 11, 2002

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** May 22, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Award of Lump Sum Price Tender 2002M711 Metro Transit  
Ventilation Improvements

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**ORIGIN**

Approved 2002/03 capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council:

Award Tender 2000M711 Metro Transit Ventilation Improvements to Western Plumbing and Heating for a Tender price of \$116,391.00 plus net HST with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report from account number CBR00748 (200 Ilsley Avenue - Air Quality Improvements).

**BACKGROUND**

With the assistance of mechanical engineers, Real Property Services has been consulting with the tenants of the Metro Transit garage at 200 Ilsley Avenue to improve the acknowledged air quality problems at this site through a combination of operational and physical changes to the building. One phase of this multi stage project work involves the installation of air filtration units in the maintenance garage area. These filtration units will remove harmful particles from the air before recirculating the air to the space. Use of these units significantly reduces the amount of unheated outside air that would otherwise have to be brought into the space and heated to meet the ventilation requirements. This approach to air quality improvement provides an avoidance of the long term increased operating costs associated with heating large volumes of outside air while improving the quality of air for staff at this location.

**DISCUSSION**

The following bids were received on May 21, 2002\*

Company	Lump Sum Price (before taxes)	Total Cost (incl.net taxes)
Western Plumbing and Heating	\$116,391.00	\$123,873.78

\* Although six companies attended the mandatory site visit only one bid was received. The companies that chose not to bid were contacted and most quoted large work loads as the reason they did not submit. One company failed to meet the submission deadline due to late delivery of their bond. Staff was advised that their quotation would have been significantly higher than the single bid received which matched the estimated value of the work.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

**Budget Summary      Project CBR00748 - 200 Ilsley Avenue - Air Quality Improvements**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$381,255.46
Less: <b>Tender 2002M711</b>	<u>123,873.78</u>
Uncommitted Budget	\$257,381.68

The availability of funds has been confirmed by Financial Services.

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

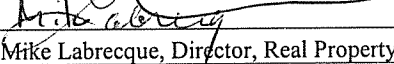
Council can choose to not award this contract. This would leave an important component of the air quality improvement plan at 200 Ilsley Avenue uncompleted. This is **not** the recommended alternative.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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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