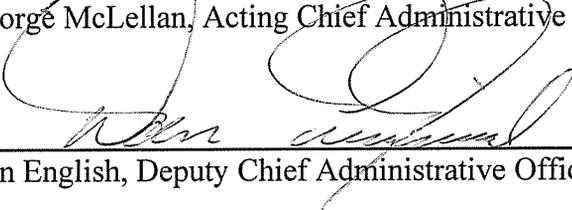


Halifax Regional Council
June 25, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Acting Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 18, 2002

SUBJECT: Victoria Park Improvements - Award of Tender #02-070

STAFF REPORT

ORIGIN

Approved HRM 2002/03 Capital Budget, Capital District-Victoria Park (Account # CDB00393).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that :

1. Council approve the award of Tender #02-070 - Victoria Park Improvements to Force Construction Limited for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a tender price of \$179,764.80, plus net HST, for a total cost of \$191,321.88 from Capital Accounts CDB00393, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

On May 7, 2002 Council approved the implementation of the Victoria Park Legacy Project (Item 10.3.2).

The scope of the project will see a concrete unit-paved plaza at the north end of the park. This plaza includes a performance area with an ornate metal fence as backdrop for separation from the street. Further, the Robert Burns statue will be moved back from Spring Garden Road approximately 20 feet and the paving at the base of the statue will incorporate the inscription of Robert Burn's "Selkirk Grace". Four granite bollards with a waving wheat motif representing the growing of food will be installed. A key part of the project will include the upgrade of existing lighting and installation of new light poles around the plaza area, which is intended to improve park security. Another significant part of the design is the installation of a number of ornate metal benches for pedestrian seating. The design also includes new shrub and flower planting beds around the perimeter of the plaza.

The purpose of the upgrades is threefold:

1. Enhance the aesthetic qualities and improve the park as a significant historic site and park within HRM.
2. Incorporate a performance plaza within the park for various events throughout the tourist season.
3. Commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Metro Food Bank and assist fund raising efforts of the Metro Food Bank Society.

DISCUSSION

A tender for this project was advertised and closed on June 13, 2002. The following bids were received :

	Company	Bid <i>(Net Taxes Included)</i>
1.	Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	\$205,493.11
2.	Ocean Contractors limited	\$208,175.12
3.	Tri-Ex Construction Ltd.	\$209,891.82
4.	Force Construction Limited	\$191,321.88

HRM Parks & Recreation Services, Park Planning and Development recommend that the tender be awarded to Force Construction Limited, the lowest bidder, for the tender price of \$179,764.80, plus net HST taxes, for a total project cost of \$191,321.87.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this project is available in Account # CDB00393, Capital District - Victoria Park in the amount of \$193,006.01. Funding for this project has been confirmed by staff of Finance.

Budget Summary	Project CDB00393, Capital District- Victoria Park	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$193,006.01
	Less: Tender 02-070	<u>\$191,321.88</u>
		\$ 1,684.13

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

1. Council could decide not to accept the low bid and reissue the tender for this project.

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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