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Halifax Regional Council  
October 1, 2002

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

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**SUBMITTED BY:**

~~George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer~~

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↳ ~~Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer~~

**DATE:** September 18, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Auburn High School Soccer Field Upgrade - Award of Tender #02-099

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### STAFF REPORT

#### ORIGIN

Approved HRM 2001/02 Capital Budget

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that :

1. Council award Tender #02-099 - Auburn High School Soccer Field Upgrade to TurfMasters Landscaping Ltd., for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a tender price of \$136,329.00 plus net HST, for a total project cost of \$145,093.59 from Capital Account # CPC00683, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

**BACKGROUND**

The Auburn High School sports field is located on Auburn Drive in Cole Harbour, NS. The field was built in 1993, concurrent with the construction of the high school facility.

The 2001/02 HRM Capital Budget identified the restoration of the Auburn High School Soccer Field. The scope of work of this project is in application with the improvement of the facility, and includes the regrading, drainage installation, fencing, subgrade improvement, topsoiling and sodding, and goal posts installation.

At present, the field has been closed to play for the past year due to its physical condition.

**DISCUSSION**

A tender for this project was advertised and closed on Friday, September 13, 2002. Two bids were received.

<b><u>Company</u></b>	<b><u>Bid</u></b>
Turf Masters Landscaping Ltd.	\$136,329.00
Elmsdale Landscaping Ltd.	\$163,655.00

HRM has undertaken a new approach to sports field construction with the implementation of a new specification, which is intended to promote a healthier turf growth and thereby we should experience a prolonged life cycle. With the use of the new specification there has been a noted increase in the cost of undertaking such projects utilizing the new specifications..

Also included in the in the costs of this project are identified improvements required to the in ground drainage at the site.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$136,329 plus net HST for a total of \$145,093.59, funding is available in the 2001/02 Approved Capital Budget under account No: CPC00683, Sportsfield Upgrades. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

**Budget Summary**

<b>Account No. CPC00683 Sports Field Upgrade</b>	
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$233,937.13
<b>Less: Tender No 02-099</b>	<u>\$145,093.59</u>
	\$ 88,843.54

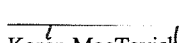
\*This project was estimated in the 2001/02 Capital Budget at \$120,000.00.

**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 lowest bid and reissue the tender for this project.

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