
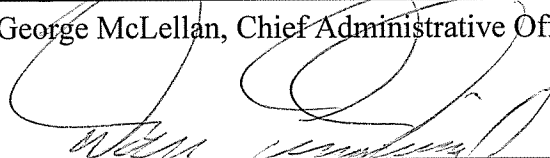


Halifax Regional Council  
September 10, 2002

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** September 4, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Award of Unit Price Tender No. 02-282, Sidewalk Renewal -  
Bedford Row - West Region

**ORIGIN**

Approved 2002/03 Capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 02-282, Sidewalk Renewal - Bedford Row - West Region to Price's Cobblestone Paving Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$103,080, plus net HST for a total of \$109,707 from Account No. CKU00380, Capital District Downtown Brick Sidewalk Renewal, Phase I, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

**BACKGROUND**

At the Halifax Regional Council Meeting held on June 19, 2001, Council did not award the tender to replace the brick sidewalk on Bedford Row with exposed aggregate concrete. Council instead directed staff to work with the Downtown Halifax Business Commission to investigate other sidewalk products which would be more in keeping with the character of the downtown area.

A study undertaken by the Business Commission and the Tourism, Culture, and Heritage Department recommended an interlocking concrete paver sidewalk. A test section of the concrete pavers was installed on the north side of Sackville Street between Bedford Row and Lower Water Street in September 2001. An inspection carried out by Public Works and Transportation staff in the spring of this year revealed no maintenance problems with the test section. Based on these positive results, staff is recommending that interlocking concrete pavers be used to replace brick sidewalks in the downtown Halifax area.

The 2002/03 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for the replacement of downtown brick sidewalks because of their overall poor condition.

**DISCUSSION**

Tenders were called on August 3, 2002 and closed on August 16, 2002. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<b><u>Bid Price</u></b>
1. Price's Cobblestone Paving Limited	\$103,080.00
3. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$142,900.00
3. Dexter Construction Company Ltd.	\$145,375.00

The scope of work for this tender includes the removal of the existing brick sidewalk, and replacement with concrete pavers on both sides of Bedford Row from Sackville Street to George Street.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award.

This is a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost will be dependant upon the actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$103,080, plus net HST for a total of \$109,707, funding is available in the 2002/03 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CKU00380, Capital District Downtown Brick Sidewalk Renewal, Phase I. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

**Budget Summary:**                    **Account No. CKU00380, Capital District Downtown Brick Sidewalk Renewal, Phase I Bedford Row (Sackville St. to George St.)**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$150,000
Less: <b>Tender No. 02-282</b>	<u>\$109,707*</u>
	\$40,293

\* The project included in this tender was estimated in the 2002/03 Capital Budget at \$150,000.

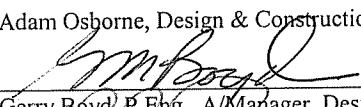
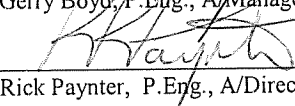
**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

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 to replace the brick sidewalks in the Downtown Halifax Area. The improvement to these sidewalks mean that they will require less future maintenance.

**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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