



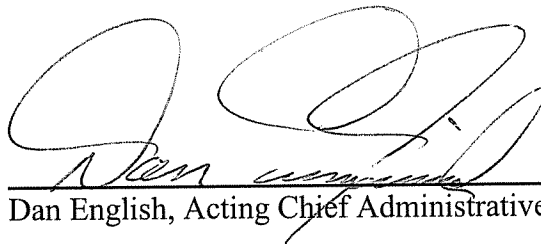
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Halifax Regional Council
April 1, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 26, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-202, Retaining Wall and Guardrail Replacement, Ferguson's Cove Road - West Region

ORIGIN

This tender and associated recommendation is a follow up to several exchanges of correspondence between HRM and Mr. Alan Ruffman, including an appearance before Halifax Regional Council, regarding the progressive deterioration of the existing cable guardrail on Ferguson's Cove Road and the danger to motorists relative to this existing situation.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council award Tender No. 03-202, Retaining Wall and Guardrail Replacement, Ferguson's Cove Road - West Region to J.R.Eisener Contracting Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$134,780, plus net HST for a total of \$143,445 from Account No. CZR00357, Resurfacing, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Ferguson's Cove Road is a local street located in the Ferguson's Cove area of HRM. The existing cable guardrail on the Halifax harbour side of the road has been progressively deteriorating over the years to the point where conditions now pose an imminent danger to motorists. The situation has given rise to numerous exchanges of correspondence between Mr. Alan Ruffman and HRM including an appearance before Halifax Regional Council in 2002. At that time, staff had indicated that there might be accommodation within the 2002/03 Capital Budget to facilitate a start on this guardrail reinstatement but this would not be known until the conclusion of the 2002/03 construction season. In response to recent questions from Councillor Adams on this matter during the 2003/04 budget review, staff advised that funding accommodation to address a start on this guardrail reinstatement work from the 2002/03 budget had been established and that staff would be bringing a recommendation before Council for approval. This report is in response to that commitment.

DISCUSSION

Staff proceeded with the tendering of the initial phase of this guardrail reinstatement work. Tenders were called on January 18, 2003 and closed on February 7, 2003. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. J.R.Eisener Contracting Limited	\$134,780.00
2. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$174,820.00
3. C.R.Falkenham Backhoe Services Limited	\$191,000.00
4. Brycon Construction Limited	\$197,569.00
5. Willfield Limited	\$199,412.00
6. A.C.L.Construction Limited	\$200,807.00
7. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$215,482.00
8. W.Eric Whebby Limited	\$215,970.00
9. Aaffinity Contracting and Environmental Limited	\$248,860.00
10. Silco Contracting Limited	\$318,520.00

The scope of work for this tender includes the installation of new pressure treated guardrails with a T-Wall retaining system. The new retaining system is required to support the existing road and for mounting the new guardrails. The existing guardrails have failed causing the location to be a safety issue and maintenance was no longer an option. The project also includes asphalt pavement, gravels and all reinstatement.

It is anticipated that work will commence in the spring of 2003.

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

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

As indicated above, staff has determined that there is accommodation within the remaining uncommitted 2002/03 Capital Budget to implement this initial phase of the Ferguson's Cove guardrail reinstatement works. This accommodation arises from projects being completed well within their awarded tender amounts plus the deferral of a couple of projects that cannot now proceed because of impending development activity.

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$134,780, plus net HST for a total of \$143,445, funding is available in the 2002/03 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CZR00357, Resurfacing. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary	Account No. CZR00357, Resurfacing	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$1,541,466
	Less: Tender No. 03-202	<u>\$ 143,445*</u>
		\$1,398,021

* This project was estimated at \$160,000.

The remaining funds in this account are required to implement the remaining 2002/03 projects approved by Council.

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.

Replacing this guardrail now will significantly reduce long term maintenance costs.

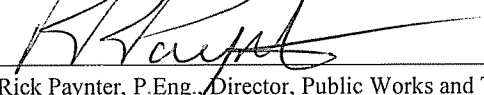
ALTERNATIVES

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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