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Halifax Regional Council
September 9, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: August 29, 2003

SUBJECT: **Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-233, Fairmount Storm Drainage,
Arlington Avenue and Milsom Avenue - West Region**

ORIGIN

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. approve an increase to Capital Account No. CGU00465, Fairmount Storm Drainage, in the amount of \$27,698, with funds from Account No. CRESPOOL, as indicated in the budget implications section of this report.
2. award Tender No. 03-233, Fairmount Storm Drainage, Arlington Avenue and Milsom Avenue to A.C.L. Construction Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$101,192, plus net HST for a total of \$107,698 from Account No. CGU00465, Fairmount Storm Drainage, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget includes funds for installation of storm sewer and catchbasins on Milsom Avenue and Arlington Avenue. This account is used to fund drainage improvements.

A section of Milsom Avenue between Downs Avenue and Doull Avenue has a very flat grade. There is also a serious icing problem on Arlington Avenue.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on August 16, 2003 and closed on August 22, 2003. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. A.C.L. Construction Limited	\$ 101,192.00
2. W.E. Whebby Limited	\$ 142,685.00
3. Sackville Trenching	\$ 148,685.00
4. Amber Contracting Limited	\$ 149,266.00
5. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 194,900.00
6. Brycon Construction Limited	\$ 206,000.00
7. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$ 213,300.00

The scope of work for Milsom Avenue from Civic 10 to Downs Avenue includes the installation of storm sewer pipe, manhole and catchbasin.

The scope of work for Arlington Avenue from Civic 24 to Springvale Avenue includes the installation of storm sewer pipe, manholes, catchbasins and associated work. During the design phase of this project, the original scope of the work was expanded at the request of Environmental Management Services to better address safety concerns caused by icing conditions on this street.

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

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

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$101,192, plus net HST for a total of \$116,371, funding is available in the 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget under Account No. CGU00465, Fairmount Storm Drainage. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

<u>Project CGU00465, Fairmount Storm Drainage</u>	
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 80,000
Plus: Funding from Account No. CRESPOOL	\$ 27,698*
Less: Tender No. 03-233	<u>\$107,698</u>
	\$ 0

* This project was budgeted at \$80,000.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.


Environmental Management Services, who co-ordinated the development of the project and its inclusion in the Capital Budget, have reviewed this report and concur with its recommendation.

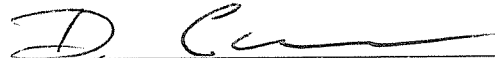
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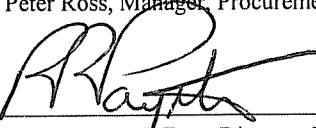
There are no recommended alternatives.

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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