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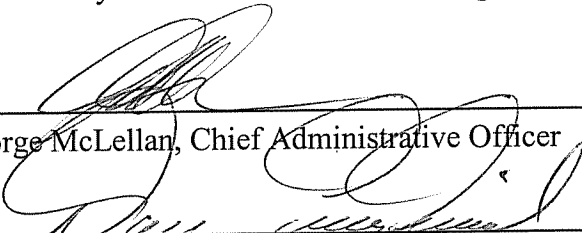


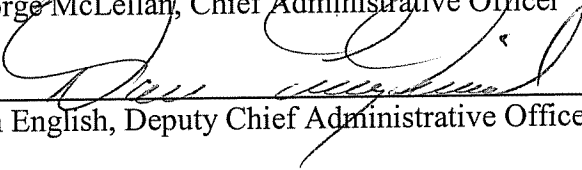
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Halifax Regional Council
October 7, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: September 24, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 03-279, Culvert Replacement
Portobello Road and Caldwell Road - Eastern Region

ORIGIN

Approved 2001/02 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. approve an increase in the Gross Budget for Capital Account No. CGU00113, Caldwell Road Culverts, in the amount of \$171,814.00 with funds from Account No. Q104, Sewer Redevelopment Reserve.
2. award Tender No. 03-279, Culvert Replacement Portobello Road and Caldwell Road - Eastern Region to W. Eric Wheby Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$211,772, plus net HST, for a total of \$225,386. There are also anticipated costs for extra work and material related to this job, and therefore the total project is anticipated to cost \$247,924 and will be charged to Account No. CGU00113, Caldwell Road Culverts, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Caldwell Road Culverts:

The 2001/02 Approved Capital Budget included funds for replacement of the Caldwell Road Culverts. The existing culverts are in poor structural condition and need replacing. The proposed work will also help alleviate periodic over topping of the Caldwell Road with stormwater flows.

Portobello Road Culverts:

Skerry Brook drains into two culverts that cross Portobello Road, Waverley. During the March 31, 2003 rain event, one of the two culverts was severely impacted and temporarily replaced. The other drainage structure, which is a wooden box culvert remains in operation. The storm event also caused damage to the road and the downstream adjacent private property, and as a result the existing culverts need to be permanently replaced. This portion of work was not included in any particular capital budget because the damage occurred as result of the severe storm event and as such it is an emergency repair.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this project were called on September 10, 2003 and closed on September 17, 2003. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. W. Eric Whebby Limited	\$ 211,772.00
2. Amber Contracting Limited	\$ 216,344.00
3. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$ 253,400.00
4. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$ 260,600.00
5. A.C.L. Construction Limited	\$ 361,395.00

This project involves the construction of a twin culvert system to replace the existing culverts on Portobello Road and Caldwell Road. The work includes the installation of culverts, headwalls, guide rails, environmental controls and any required reinstatement.

It is anticipated that construction will commence within a week of the tender award, subject to approval of the Department of Fisheries, and fabrication and delivery of the box culvert components.

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

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on an increase of \$171,814.00 to Account No. CGU00113, Caldwell Road Culverts, with funding from Account No. Q104, Sewer Redevelopment Reserve, funding in the amount of \$247,924 is available and has been confirmed with staff of Financial Services.

Budget Summary	Account No. CGU00113, Caldwell Road Culverts	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 76,110.00
	Plus: Funding from Account No. Q104	\$171,814.00
	Less: Tender No. 03-279	<u>\$247,924.00</u>
		\$ 0.00

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating budget, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation. If approved, this will increase the capital budget as well as the withdrawals from Reserves.

Environmental Management Services, have reviewed this report and concur with its recommendations.


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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