
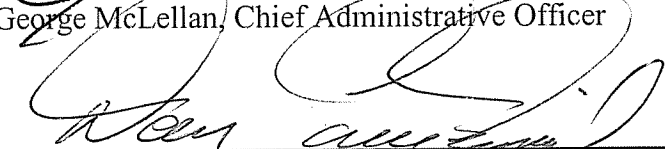


**Halifax Regional Council**  
**November 4, 2003**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** October 24, 2003

**SUBJECT:** **Award of Tender No. 03-124**  
**Astral Drive Elementary School Playground Equipment**

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**ORIGIN**

Approved 2003/04 Capital Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council:

1. approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No. CPC00303-Playground Upgrades & Replacements by \$22,640.00 with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect the cost sharing from the Astral Drive Community Playground Organization, as per the Background Section of this report.
2. award Tender No. 03-124, Astral Drive Elementary School Playground Equipment to Henderson Recreation Equipment Limited, for materials and services specified at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$65,450.00, plus net HST, for a total amount of \$69,657.78 from Capital Account # CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of this report.

## BACKGROUND

The Astral Drive Elementary School playground project was originally approved for \$55,000 in the 2003/04 Capital Budget under Capital Account No. CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements. Included in the project budget was the proposed cost sharing grant of \$25,000 from the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation. However, the budget was reduced to \$50,000 to reflect the actual cost sharing grant received from the NSSR in the amount of \$20,000.

Since the approval of the budget and through the fundraising efforts of the Astral Drive Community Playground Organization, the group has committed a further \$22,640 toward the project.

The scope of work included in this project will see the removal of the old playground equipment and the supply and installation of new playground equipment that conforms to the CSA playground standard.

## DISCUSSION

The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received.

	<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
1.	Henderson Recreation Equipment Limited	\$65,450.00
2.	Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems Inc	\$66,400.84

## BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$65,450.00, plus net HST, for a total of \$69,657.78, funding is available in the 2003/04 Approved Capital Budget under Capital Account No. CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

### Budget Summary

### Account No. CPC00303-Playground Upgrades & Replacements

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$50,000.00
Plus: Cost Sharing	\$22,640.00
Less: <b>Tender No. 03-124</b>	<b><u>\$69,657.78</u></b>
	\$ 2,982.22

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

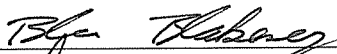
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**ALTERNATIVES**

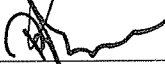
Council not approve the award of tender.

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