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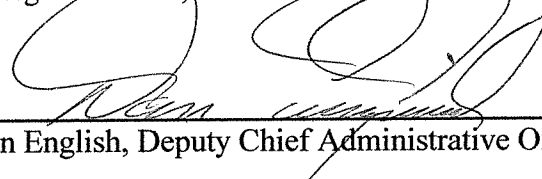
Halifax Regional Council
November 4, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 28, 2003

SUBJECT: Award of Tender No. 03-167
North Preston Recreation Facility - North Preston, NS

ORIGIN

Approved 2002/03 Capital Budget under Account No. CB100095 - North Preston Recreation Facility.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 03-167 to Marco Maritime Limited, for the construction of a new Community Centre for a tender price of \$2,607,414.00 before taxes from Capital Account #CB100095, North Preston Recreation Facility, as outlined in the Budget Implications of this report, subject to a successful pre-award meeting with HRM staff. This project is considered tax class B and is eligible for a full tax rebate.

BACKGROUND

Regional Council approved the construction of a new recreation facility for North Preston as part of HRM's infrastructure list for 2002. Funding was announced in November of 2002. The design was awarded by Regional Council on February 4, 2003, to Sperry & Partners Architects. This project is funded in part by HRM, the Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

Through consultation with HRM Recreation, Tourism & Culture as well as the North Preston Recreation Board, the scope of this 20,000 square foot facility will include:

- ▶ Regulation sized gymnasium with portable stage
- ▶ Washroom, shower and locker room facilities
- ▶ Multipurpose room,
- ▶ Kitchen facilities;
- ▶ Fitness gym,
- ▶ Public washrooms,
- ▶ Seniors centre c/w kitchen facilities & washrooms
- ▶ Storage areas;
- ▶ Administration offices;
- ▶ CAP site;
- ▶ RCMP offices
- ▶ Area for Capital Health to facilitate programs to improve community health and wellness.

When completed this facility will enhance the community recreational opportunities, encourage health and wellness, and provide a much needed space for community social activities.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for this work were issued on October 1, 2003, and closed on October 24, 2003. Four bids, exclusive of taxes, were received and evaluated by Real Property and Asset Management - Capital Works and Recreation, Tourism and Culture:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>	<u>Ranking</u>
Marco Maritime Limited	\$2,607,414.00	<u>1</u>
J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Limited	\$2,749,786.00	<u>2</u>
Blunden Construction Limited	\$2,768,329.00	<u>3</u>
Avondale Construction Limited	\$2,805,599.00	<u>4</u>

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$2,607,414.00, funding is available in the 2002/03 Approved Capital Budget under Capital Account No. CB100095 - North Preston Recreation Facility. The budget availability has been approved by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

Capital Account No: CB100095 - North Preston Recreation Facility	
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$2,849,356.00
Less: Tender No. 03-167	<u>-\$2,607,414.00</u>
	\$241,942.00

The remaining funds will be used for other expenses such as equipment, engineering fees, testing during construction and contaminated soil removal.

Operating costs for the facility are estimated to be a net cost to HRM of \$100,000.00 annually. This has been planned for the 2004/05 budget year as part of the Recreation, Tourism & Culture annual budget.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, and 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

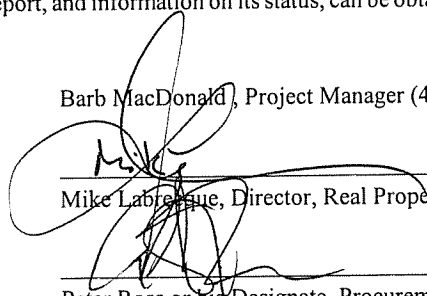
Council could decide not to accept the lowest bid and reissue the tender for this project. However this is not recommended due to the possible implications that it may have on the financing agreements with the CNSIP and ACOA funding regulations.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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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