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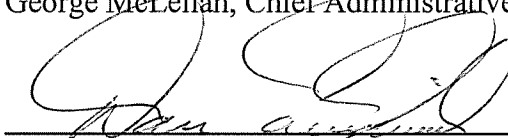
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Halifax Regional Council
September 13, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: August 31, 2005

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 05-212, Brentwood Avenue Paving and Traffic Improvements - West Region

ORIGIN

The Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council award Tender No. 05-212, Brentwood Avenue Paving and Traffic Improvements - West Region, to Basin Contracting Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$630,917 including net HST from Capital Account No. CZU00717, Resurfacing and from Capital Account No. CTR00905 Intersection Improvement Program, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications Section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget included funds for the planing and patching of the existing asphalt followed by an overlay of new asphalt, the asphalt curb is to be upgraded to concrete curb and gutter from Trunk 3 to Eisener Street and at the Intersection of Brentwood Avenue and Trunk 3 a left turn lane is to be installed.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on August 17, 2005 and closed on August 29, 2005. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Basin Contracting Limited	\$610,000.00
2. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$663,320.00
3. Lafarge Canada Inc.	\$694,820.00
4. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$709,176.00

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the replacement of the asphalt curb with concrete curb and gutter, new street gravels and asphalt surface. The left turn lane work consists of widening Trunk 3 (St. Margaret's Bay Road), a retaining wall, asphalt overlay and traffic markings.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award and take six weeks to complete.

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 \$610,000, plus net HST for a total project cost of \$630,917, funding is available in the Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget from Account No. CZU00717, Resurfacing and from Capital Account No. CTR00905 Intersection Improvement Program. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

Account No. CZU00717, Resurfacing

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$1,353,950
Less: Tender 05-212	<u>\$ 441,658*</u>
	\$ 912,292

Account No. CTR00905, Intersection Improvement Program

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 216,692
Less: Tender 05-212	<u>\$ 189,259*</u>
	\$ 27,433

* This project was estimated in the Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget at \$450,000- Resurfacing and \$196,000 for Intersection Improvements.

The remaining funds from this account are required to implement the remaining 2005/06 Resurfacing and Intersection Improvements projects approved by Council.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

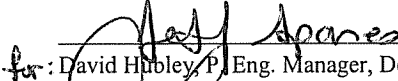
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

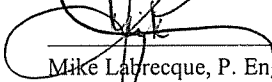
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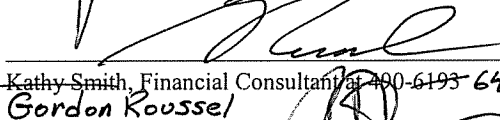
There are no recommended alternatives.

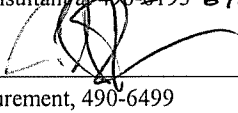
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