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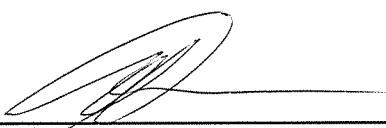


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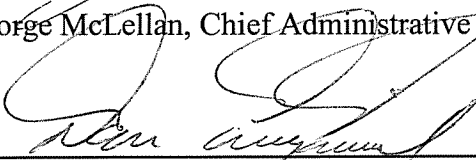
Halifax Regional Council
September 13, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



 George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



 Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: September 6, 2005

SUBJECT: Award of Unit Price Tender No. 05-242, Traffic Improvements - Windmill Road at Wright Avenue and Bancroft Court - East Region

ORIGIN

The Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

1. approve an increase in the Gross Budget for Capital Account No.CB300628, Bus Rapid Transit Showcase, by \$8,845 with no change to the net budget to reflect cost sharing of the installation of a natural gas pipeline from Heritage Gas.
2. award Tender No.05-242, Traffic Improvements - Windmill Road at Wright Avenue and Bancroft Court - East Region to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Tender Price of \$248,023 including net HST from Capital Account Nos. CB300628, Bus Rapid Transit Showcase and CB200428, Transit Terminal Upgrade & Expansion, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget includes funds for the implementation of transit priority features for the Metro Link Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. This intersection has been identified as a key location for transit queue jump lanes and transit signal priority in support of the Metro Link project.

DISCUSSION

Tenders were called on July 16, 2005 and closed on July 29, 2005. The following bids, exclusive of taxes, were received:

	<u>Bid Price</u>
1. Ocean Contractors Limited	\$292,000
2. Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$314,800

Realizing the need to have this project completed prior to the introduction of the Metro Link service on the Windmill Road corridor, staff has made some adjustments to the overall scope of work to keep the project within the allocated budget limits. A revised form of tender was prepared and the low bidder, Ocean Contracting Limited, agreed to hold their unit prices, making the revised tender price \$239,800 plus net HST. (See attachment)

The scope of work for this tender includes, but is not limited to, the realignment of medians, new curb and gutter, resurfacing, pavement markings, installation of a gas pipeline and traffic signal upgrades at the intersection of Windmill Road with Wright Avenue and Bancroft Court.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award, with the civil portion of the contract taking approximately eight 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 revised lowest tendered price of \$239,800, plus net HST for a total project cost of \$248,023, funding is available in the Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget from Account Nos.CB300628, Bus Rapid Transit Showcase and CB200428, Transit Terminal Upgrade & Expansion. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

Account No. CB300628 Bus Rapid Transit Showcase

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$335,862
Plus: Cost Sharing from Heritage Gas	\$ 8,845
Less : Tender 05-242	<u>\$200,000</u>
	\$ 144,707

Account No. CB200428 Transit terminal Upgrade & Expansion

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$109,437
Less : Tender 05-242	<u>\$ 48,023</u>
	\$ 61,414

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

There are no recommended alternatives.

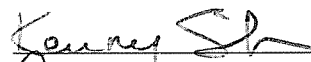
ATTACHMENTS

1. Memorandum dated August 23, 2005 from Heritage Gas.
2. Faxed transmittal from Ocean Contractors Limited dated August 24, 2005.

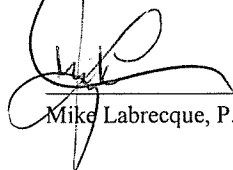
A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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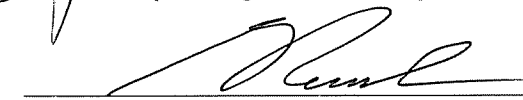
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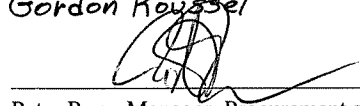
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Fax Transmittal

Ocean Reference #: 05-039-2

To: HRM Design From: Steve MacKenzie, P.Eng.
Attn: Tanya Davis, P.Eng. Pages: One (1)
Fax: (902) 490-4858 Date: August 24, 2005
Re: HRM Contract 05-242 Windmill @ Wright Traffic Improvements

URGENT

FOR REVIEW

PLEASE COMMENT

PLEASE REPLY

F.Y.I.

Comments:

Tanya,

We have reviewed the latest proposed changes to the tender quantities and accept the quantity as amended in your fax of August 24, 2005. We calculate the amended tender value to now be \$239,800.00 plus HST.

I trust this will initiate the award process. If you should require additional information please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Ocean Contractors Limited

Steve MacKenzie, P.Eng.
Senior Estimator

MEMORANDUM

TO: Leonard Avery, P. Eng., Heritage Gas

CC: Phillip Francis, P.Eng., Right-of-Way Services Manager

FROM: Tanya Davis, P.Eng., Design & Construction Services

DATE: August 23, 2005

SUBJECT: **Tender 05-242 - Windmill Road / Wright Avenue / Bancroft Court, Traffic Improvements**

Tender 05-242 - Traffic Improvements- Windmill Road / Wright Avenue / Bancroft Court, East Region closed July 29, 2005. Prior to tender award, a cost sharing agreement must be finalized between HRM and Heritage Gas. Enclosed is a bid comparison summary for the items associated with the gas line installation for this project. They are from the lowest bidder, Ocean Contractors Limited to the highest.

In the most recent discussions on this subject, Heritage Gas has agreed to pay 50% of the cost of the reinstatement. This includes the cost of the 100 mm concrete sidewalk replacement over the entire length of the gas main and across the reinstatement width. Based on these unit prices the Heritage Gas share of reinstatement costs are as follows:

Reinstatement Area	32 m x 0.3 m	=	9.6 m ²
Cost for 100 mm Concrete Sidewalk	9.6 m ² x \$ 115 /m ²	=	\$1104
	Subtotal	=	\$1104
	50% Share of Reinstatement Costs	=	\$552

Based on the low bidder's tender prices and the above cost sharing, Heritage Gas costs for Tender 05-242 - Traffic Improvements- Windmill Road / Wright Avenue / Bancroft Court, East Region, can be summarized as follows:

Gas Main Installation	\$8,000
Reinstatement Cost Sharing	<u>\$ 552</u>
Sub Total	\$8,552
Plus Net HST	<u>\$ 293</u>
Project Total	<u>\$8,845</u>

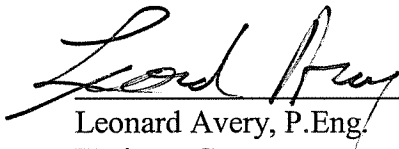
Actual cost sharing for this project will be based on final quantities determined during construction.

If you agree to this arrangement, please indicate by signing below and returning it to me. If you have any questions, please call me at 490-6821.

Thank you.



Tanya Davis, P. Eng.
Design Engineer



Leonard Avery, P.Eng.
Heritage Gas

Aug 25, 2005
Date

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