

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed by \_\_\_\_\_  
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**DATE:** May 30, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Award – Unit Price Tender No. 16-200 McQuarrie Bridge Replacement

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## ORIGIN

The Approved 2016/17 Project Budget.

## LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Under the HRM Charter, Section 79 Halifax Regional Council may expend money for municipal purposes. Administrative Order #35, the Procurement Policy, requires Council to approve the award of contracts for sole sources exceeding \$50,000 or \$500,000 for RFP's and tenders respectively.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Council:

1. Award Tender No. 16-200, McQuarrie Bridge Replacement –Central Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$1,365,106 (net HST included) with funding from Project Account Nos. CRU01077- Bridges, and CTU01086 – Intersection Improvement Program, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report;
2. Award the construction administration and site supervision component of RFP 15-303, Engineering Services for the Replacement Design of the McQuarrie Bridge, to WSP Canada Inc. for an estimated fee of \$66,076 (net HST included) from Project Account No. CRU01077- Bridges, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Approved 2016/17 Project Budget includes funds for the replacement of the McQuarrie Bridge and intersection improvements including the extension of the right turn lane at the intersection of Fall River Road and Highway No. 2.

## **DISCUSSION**

Tender # 16-200 was publicly advertised on the Province of Nova Scotia's Procurement website on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and closed on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Bids were received from following companies:

| <b><u>Name of Company</u></b>       | <b><u>Bid Price (net HST included)</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Dexter Construction Company Limited | \$1,365,106*                               |
| Brycon Construction Limited         | \$1,553,862                                |

### **\*recommended bidder**

The scope of work for this tender generally consists of the replacement of the existing structure with a new precast concrete bridge, asphalt paving, retaining walls, and associated work including grading, landscaping and pavement markings.

It is anticipated that work will commence within three weeks of the tender award and take 10 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.

WSP Canada Inc. was the successful proponent for RFP 15-303 Engineering Services for the Replacement Design of the McQuarrie Bridge. The detail design component of that project was awarded by the CAO on May 4th, 2015. The total proposal cost including construction administration was included for evaluation purposes. It is appropriate to award the construction components when it is confirmed that the Tender will proceed. The construction inspection cost will be dependent upon the contractors schedule and is currently an estimate based on hours of services provided by the consultant. The actual hours of services will be managed and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the lowest tendered price of \$1,309,003 plus net HST of \$56,103, for a net total of \$1,365,106, and estimated price of \$63,361 plus net HST of \$2,715, for a net total of \$66,076, funding is available in the Approved 2016/17 Project Budget from Project Account No(s) CRU01077- Bridges, and CTU01086 – Intersection Improvement Program. The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

Budget Summary:

### **Project Account No. CRU01077 - Bridges**

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cumulative Unspent Budget      | \$ 4,384,042              |
| <b>Less: Tender No. 16-200</b> | <b>\$ 1,065,106 *</b>     |
| <b>Less: RFP No. 15-303,</b>   | <b>\$ <u>66,076**</u></b> |
| Balance                        | \$ 3,525,860              |

**Project Account No. CTU01086 – Intersection Improvement Program**

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cumulative Unspent Budget      | \$ 1,607,100       |
| <b>Less: Tender No. 16-200</b> | <b>\$ 300,000*</b> |
| Balance                        | \$ 1,307,100       |

\* This project was estimated in the Approved 2016/17 Project Budget at \$1,300,000, and \$300,000 respectively.

\*\* The construction inspection cost will be dependent upon the contractors schedule and is currently an estimate based on hours of services provided by the consultant. The actual hours of services will be managed and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

The balance of funds will be used to implement the remaining 2016/17 Bridge, and Intersection Improvement projects approved by Council.

**RISK CONSIDERATION**

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report. The risks considered rate low. To reach this conclusion, consideration was given to financial, legal and compliance, and service delivery risks.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Implications not identified.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Council could choose not to approve the recommendations in this report, but this is not recommended by staff.

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