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**Item No. 15.1.7**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**September 28, 2021**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed by   
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Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** August 31, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **Award – Tender No. 21-150 Dartmouth North Community Centre-  
Renovations**

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## **ORIGIN**

The approved 2021/22 Capital Budget, Supplemental Report page B19 (Dartmouth North Community - Centre Upgrades – CB000075).

The approved 2021/22 Capital Budget, Supplemental Report page B2 (Accessibility – HRM Facilities – CB190006).

The approved 2021/22 Capital Budget, Supplemental Report page B20 (EMO Projects - CB200002).

The approved 2021/22 Capital Budget, Supplemental Report page B21 (Energy Efficiency Initiatives – CB190008).

The approved 2021/22 Capital Budget, Supplemental Report page H4 (HalifACT 2050 Climate Action - CB200012).

## **LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

The Municipality may spend money for municipal purposes in accordance with section 79A of the HRM Charter. The recommended contract award complies with all of the pre-requisites for awarding contracts as set out in section 26 of Administrative Order 2020-004-ADM, the *Procurement Administrative Order*.

Section 28 of the *Procurement Administrative Order*, provides that Halifax Regional Council may approve contract awards of any amount.

**RECOMMENDATION ON PAGE 2**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council award Tender No. 21-150 Dartmouth North Community Centre Renovations to lowest bidder meeting specification, Blunden Construction Ltd., for a total price of \$2,293,250 (net HST included) with funding from Project No. CB000075 – Dartmouth North Community Centre, Project No. CB190006 – Accessibility HRM Facilities, Project No. CB190008 – Energy Efficiency Initiative, Project No. CB200002 – EMO Projects, and Project No. CB200012 – HalifACT 2050 Climate Action as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Dartmouth North Community Centre was constructed in 1996 to provide the community with a space for recreation, educational, day-care and sport activity. The facility is located in an underserved and high-needs area with a high percentage of seniors, new immigrants, people living alone on fixed incomes and single parent families. The facility hosts variety of programs for youth and adults and this requires flexible programming spaces, as well as meeting and multi-purpose rooms equipped with multi-media technology.

A separate interior renovation project is currently near completion for renovations to the Library portion of the building. Parks & Recreation will provide reduced programming during construction through alternative locations.

## **DISCUSSION**

Tender No. 21-150 was publicly advertised on the Province of Nova Scotia Tenders website on July 26, 2021 and closed on August 24, 2021. Qualified bids were received from the following companies:

<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Price (including net HST)</b>
<b>Blunden Construction Ltd.*</b>	\$2,293,250
Jim Kimber Construction Inc.	\$2,385,013
Avondale Construction Ltd.	\$2,426,599
Maxim Construction Inc.	\$2,438,207
PCL Constructors Canada Ltd	\$2,569,607
Ryson Interior Construction Ltd.	\$2,854,307

### **\*Recommended Bidder**

This award is for an interior renovations work, it includes the following scope of work:

- Demolition of interior of existing Community Centre space
- Construction of new interior components
- Construction of new entry vestibule
- Construction of universal washrooms
- Installing energy efficient HVAC system
- Converting building to natural gas heat source
- Installing Heat Pumps as primary heat source
- Increasing Wall and Roof R-Values
- Lighting system upgrades
- Installation of new power generator

It is anticipated the construction will begin two weeks after award and be substantially complete within 12 months.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Based on the bid price of \$2,199,000 plus net HST of \$94,250, for a total cost of \$2,293,250 (net HST included), funding is available in the Approved 2021/22 Capital Budget from Project No. CB000075 – Dartmouth North Community Centre, Project No. CB190006 – Accessibility HRM Facilities, Project No. CB190008 – Energy Efficiency Initiative, Project No. CB200002 – EMO Projects, and Project No. CB200012 – HalifACT 2050 Climate Action. The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

Budget Summary:	<u>Project Account No. CB000075 - Dartmouth North Community Centre</u>	
	Cumulative Uncommitted Budget	\$976,212
	<b>Less: Tender No. 21-150</b>	<b><u>\$901,034</u></b>
	Balance	\$ 75,178

Budget Summary:	<u>Project Account No. CB190006 - Accessibility HRM Facilities</u>	
	Cumulative Uncommitted Budget	\$605,597
	<b>Less: Tender No. 21-150</b>	<b><u>\$182,500*</u></b>
	Balance	\$423,097

Budget Summary:	<u>Project Account No. CB190008 – Energy Efficiency Initiative</u>	
	Cumulative Uncommitted Budget	\$1,870,927
	<b>Less: Tender No. 21-150</b>	<b><u>\$ 500,572*</u></b>
	Balance	\$1,370,355

Budget Summary:	<u>Project Account No. CB200002 - EMO Projects</u>	
	Cumulative Uncommitted Budget	\$619,124
	<b>Less: Tender No. 21-150</b>	<b><u>\$208,572 *</u></b>
	Balance	\$410,552

Budget Summary:	<u>Project Account No. CB200012– HalifACT 2050 Climate Action</u>	
	Cumulative Uncommitted Budget	\$2,431,489
	<b>Less: Tender No. 21-150</b>	<b><u>\$ 500,572*</u></b>
	Balance	\$1,930,917

This project was estimated in the Approved 2021/22 Capital Budget at \$2,544,000.

### RISK CONSIDERATION

1. Site safety – risk level low  
Mitigation – Toolbox meetings, safety inspections, perimeter fencing
2. Disruption to operations – risk level low  
Mitigation – All construction work will be executed while Community Center is closed for business but Library which occupies separate section of the building will be open.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications. A hazardous assessment of the renovated area was undertaken, and no hazardous materials were detected.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The Council may choose not to approve the recommendation in the report, however, this is not recommended by staff as the work is required to maintain the facilities in a state of good repair and operational, and to meet the needs of the community.

**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments.

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at [halifax.ca](http://halifax.ca) or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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