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

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

DATE: June 11, 2020

SUBJECT: Award - Tender 20-208 – Young Street & Robie Street Transit Priority Corridor – Phase I

ORIGIN

The Approved 2020/21 Capital Budget project CT200006 – Major Strategic Multi Modal Corridor: Robie St. & Young St. and CM000009 – Transit Priority Measures.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Under the *HRM Charter*, Section 79 Halifax Regional Council may expend money for municipal purposes.

The recommended contract award complies with all of the pre-requisites for awarding contracts as set out in section 34 of Administrative Order 2016-005-ADM, the *Procurement Administrative Order*.

Section 36 of the *Procurement Administrative Order*, provides that Halifax Regional Council may approve contract awards of any amount.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Award Tender No. 20-208, Young Street & Robie Street Transit Priority Corridor – Phase 1 – West Region, to the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Dexter Construction Company Limited for a Total Tender Price of \$2,536,251.16 (net HST included) with funding from Capital Account No. CT200006 – Major Strategic Multi Modal Corridor: Robie St. & Young St. and Capital Account CM000009 – Transit Priority Measures as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The approved 2020/21 Capital Budget provides funds for construction of the Young Street & Robie Street Transit Priority Corridor – Phase I project.

Tender No. 20-208 – Young Street & Robie Street Transit Priority Corridor – Phase I, was publicly advertised on the Province of Nova Scotia's Procurement website on May 21, 2020 and closed on June 4, 2020. Bids were received from the following companies:

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid Price (net HST included)</u>
Dexter Construction Company Limited	\$2,536,251.16*
Atlantic Road Construction Paving Limited	\$2,570,882.46
Cumberland Paving & Contracting Limited	\$2,605,350.02

*** recommended bidder**

The scope of work generally consists of micro surfacing the existing asphalt surface, placement of pavement markings, intersection modifications at Robie Street and Cunard Street, installation of new concrete curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk and section of multiuse path, traffic signal upgrades, landscaping and traffic control.

Dexter Construction Company Limited (Dexter) is the low bidder. Contingent on Council's approval of award to Dexter, construction is anticipated to start in summer 2020 and has a 14-week completion deadline.

This is a unit price contract and the final cost will depend upon actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager. There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

The lowest bid has come in \$261,151.16 (net HST included) higher than budgeted in the approved 2020/21 Capital Budget from Project Account No. CT200006 – Major Strategic Multi Modal Corridor: Robie St. & Young St. The main reasons for the increased project cost include:

1. Road construction costs are higher due to a higher degree of traffic control; and,
2. Construction work related to intersection modifications at Robie Street and Cunard Street are higher than projected.

It is expected traffic control costs are higher than anticipated due to coordination of traffic control with ongoing and planned HRM projects, cooperation on traffic control impacts deemed to be interconnected (intersecting streets), existing traffic restrictions as per HRM's Traffic Control Manual Supplement and overall complexity of construction phasing within the regional center.

Construction work related to intersection modifications at Robie Street and Cunard Street include removal of existing medians and slip lane island, and surface preparation for the proposed work. The construction work at this intersection may be higher than anticipated as a result of an overall increase in 2020-unit rates due the current state of emergency and the uncertainties related to it (Covid-19).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Based on the lowest bid price for Tender 20-208, at \$2,432,015 plus a net HST of \$104,236.16, for a net total of \$2,536,251.16, funding is available in the approved 2020/21 Capital Budget from Capital Account No. CT200006 – Major Strategic Multi Modal Corridor: Robie St. & Young St. and approved 2019/20 Capital Budget (carryover) from Capital Account No. CM000009 – Transit Priority Measures, which

contains funding for the Young Street & Robie Street Transit Priority Corridor – Phase I project.

The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

Budget Summary:	<u>CT200006 – Major Strategic Multi Modal Corridor: Robie St & Young St</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 2,274,735.68
	Less: Tender 20-208	<u>\$ 2,274,735.68</u>
	Balance	\$ 0.00
	<u>CM000009 – Transit Priority Measures</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 745,617.57
	Less: Tender 20-208	<u>\$ 261,515.48</u>
	Balance	\$ 484,102.09

There will be no balance of funds from Project Account No. CT200006 – Major Strategic Multi Modal Corridor: Robie St. & Young St., following award and construction of this project.

The balance of funds from Project Account No. CM000009 – Transit Priority Measures, contains budget for various transit priority measures project, and if required, will be used to fund the remaining 2020/21 transit priority measure projects approved by Council.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendation in this report. To reach this conclusion, consideration was given to financial, legal and compliance, and service delivery risks. There is low risk that the funds used from the Transit Priority Measures account will mean other projects may be delayed until additional funding is approved. There are no planned projects that will be impacted this year.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Functional design options for both corridors were presented at a public consultation session on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at the Maritime Hall. In addition, a Shape Your City online engagement portal was established for each corridor. Feedback was collected via in-person comments, a paper feedback survey, and an online survey (there were a total of 601 respondents for the Robie Street survey, and 442 respondents for the Young Street survey). The information obtained from public consultation was used to develop an understanding of priorities on each corridor and evaluate public response to the design options.

Community engagement was part also completed as part of developing HRM's overall priorities related to Integrated Mobility & Moving Forward Together plans.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The IMP provides a framework for accomplishing the Regional Plan's Goals of achieving a more sustainable transportation system with at least 30% of all trips by transit or active transportation (AT). This project helps achieve this goal.

ALTERNATIVES

Council could choose not to approve the recommendations in this report, but this is not recommended by staff given the Regional Council's direction to undertake this project, and this shovel ready project is closely aligned to HRM's overall priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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