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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 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Award – Tender 20-153 Wharf and Pier Repairs

ORIGIN

The approved 2019/20 Capital Budget, Buildings Page A56 (Wharf Recapitalization – CB000087).

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 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 award Tender 20-153 - Wharf and Pier Repairs to the lowest qualified bidder meeting specifications, Horseshoe Hill Construction Inc., for a total price of \$2,788,712 (net HST included) with funding from CB000087 - Wharf Recapitalization, as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Halifax Regional Municipality owns various waterfront facilities including docks, piers, and wharves. The general boating public use these assets to dock their boats and enjoy downtown Halifax and Dartmouth. Various events and celebrations are hosted on the downtown waterfront and take place on these structures. These facilities need repairs to maintain the useful life of the asset as well as the safety of users. Additionally, repairs will improve the climate resiliency of the assets to better withstand the expected increase in severe weather events.

HRM waterfront assets are operated by Develop Nova Scotia on behalf of HRM, with HRM responsible for capital works.

The wharves and piers identified for this repair work are located at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth, and Chebucto Landing and Nathan Green Square in Halifax. The adjacent Alderney and Halifax ferry terminal buildings also require structural repairs, which are included in this work. The Woodside Terminal has recently been repaired and does not require maintenance at this time. This tender will hire specialized contractors to complete the repairs both above and below the water surface.

Over the last few years repairs have been carried out in Chebucto Landing, Alderney Wharf, and Nathan Green Square. This work will complete and expand on these previous repairs.

The project team will liaise with the appropriate stakeholders and authorities, including Halifax Transit, HRM Special Events, Develop Nova Scotia, and others. Project details, timelines and project risks will be communicated to minimize disruptions. Work on the ferry terminals may be scheduled at night to avoid disruption of the ferry schedule.

DISCUSSION

Tender 20-153 was posted to the Province of Nova Scotia's Procurement website on April 7, 2020 and closed May 8, 2020. Qualified bids were received from the following companies:

Proponent	\$ Price (net HST included)
Horseshoe Hill Construction Inc.*	4,456,912
Dexter Construction Ltd.	5,997,342

***Recommended Bidder**

As both tender prices were greater than 15% of the estimated price of \$2.76M, the scope of work was reduced to align with the budget. As outlined in the solicitation if all bids exceed HRM's estimated contract value, HRM may in its discretion negotiate changes in the scope of work with the lowest priced or best value tenderer to achieve an acceptable contract price. HRM's revised price is \$ 2,788,712 (net HST included). The scope of work that was removed is Alderney Wharf, which will be budgeted in a future year.

The scope of work for this tender includes:

- Replacement of existing wood boardwalks – Chebucto Landing
- Replacement of wood ladders that extend to the water line – Alderney, Chebucto Landing & Nathan Green Square
- Replacement of wood boat fenders – Alderney, Chebucto Landing & Nathan Green Square
- Repairs to structural concrete for the Alderney and Halifax ferry terminals
- Repairs to corroded steel and additional protection to existing steel structure under the wharf and piers – Chebucto Landing

Work is planned to commence within one (1) month of this award and be completed within eight (8) months. No closure of the ferry terminals or suspension of ferry services is anticipated. Some sections of the boardwalk and pier will need to be closed periodically to ensure public safety during the project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Based on the quoted price of \$2,788,712 (net HST included) funding is available from CB000087. The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

Budget Summary:

Project No. CB000087 – Wharf Recapitalization

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 3,389,794
Less: Tender 20-153	\$ 2,788,712
Balance	\$ 601,082

The balance of funds will be used for additional repairs to wharves and piers not covered in this tender.

RISK CONSIDERATION

As many areas of the infrastructure are not accessible for inspections, there is a risk that the scope and costs may be greater than indicated in the tender. Delay of the work may have an impact on events scheduled in the work area. HRM staff will provide regular updates to stakeholders to communicate project timelines and project risks.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

No implications identified.

ALTERNATIVES

Council may choose not to approve the recommendation in the report however this is not recommended by staff as repairs are required to maintain the infrastructure for public use.

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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