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Halifax Regional Council
January 16, 2007
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: December 22, 2006

SUBJECT: Halifax Inland Terminal Plan - Federal Agreement

ORIGIN

January 31, 2006 meeting of Halifax Regional Council, information item 4.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Municipality authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Transport Canada for the funding of the Halifax Inland Terminal Plan as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

At its February 21, 2006 meeting, Halifax Regional Council adopted, in principle, the findings of the Halifax Inland Terminal and Trucking Options Study. In a January 31, 2006 information report, staff advised that an application was being made to a Transport Canada competition titled the Transportation Planning and Modal Integration program to conduct a more in-depth follow up to this study. In June 2006, Transport Canada announced that HRM's submission was one of several selected for funding. As required by Transport Canada to execute a contractual agreement with HRM, a motion of Regional Council is required.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the Halifax Inland Terminal Plan is to develop a sound business plan for the construction and operation of an inland terminal at Rocky Lake that is sensitive to the needs of the community in which it will reside. While the Halifax Inland Terminal and Trucking Options Study carefully examined a number of options to container movement and candidate locations for a terminal site, the objective of the Halifax Inland Terminal Plan is to take the recommended site at Rocky Lake and develop a sounder, more detailed business plan. The ultimate goal is to provide sufficient evidence to convince an agency, a private sector firm, or a partnership, to construct and operate such a facility.

The proposed cost for the project is \$133,000. In addition to the funding provided by Transport Canada, the Halifax Port Authority, CN and the Province of Nova Scotia have agreed to partner in the study.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The agreement with Transport Canada will specify a funding breakdown (before taxes) for the project as follows:

Transport Canada	\$57,000 (44%)
Halifax Port Authority	\$19,000 (14%)
CN	\$19,000 (14%)
Province of Nova Scotia	\$19,000 (14%)
Halifax Regional Municipality	\$19,000 (14%)
Total	\$133,000

It is intended that these funds for this project will come from the approved 2006-07 Capital Budget for Regional Planning Projects

Capital Account CDE00105 Regional Planning Projects

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$657,956
Net Project Cost	<u>\$ 19,652</u>
Remaining Uncommitted Funds	\$638,304

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

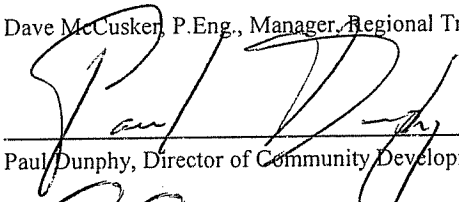
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation. If adopted, this report will result in an unbudgeted increase of \$114,000 to the gross capital budget for 2006/07. The net capital budget will not be affected.

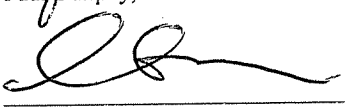
ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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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