

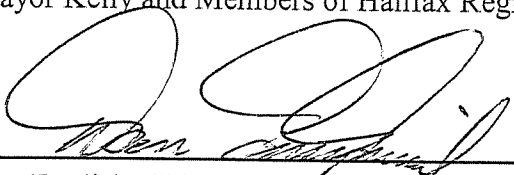


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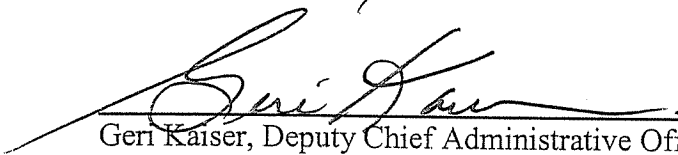
Halifax Regional Council
November 20, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



Geri Kaiser, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Proposed Advanced Funding for the 2008/09 Capital Budget

ORIGIN

This report originates from staff.

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve advanced funding of a portion of the 2008/09 Capital Budget as follows (details in Schedule A):

Buildings	\$ 350,000
Roads and Streets	11,135,000
Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters	2,475,000
Parks and Playgrounds	900,000
Traffic and Right of Way	1,669,000
Equipment and Fleet	3,575,500
Metro Transit	8,330,000
Total	\$ 28,434,500

BACKGROUND

Early approval of selected projects within the proposed Capital Budget is a desirable goal of staff to ensure an earlier start on project implementation as it relates to design, land acquisitions (where required), and utility and regulatory approvals - all of which translates into a more timely tendering of projects and real cost savings.

DISCUSSION

The timing of the approval of HRM's Capital Budget - generally March/April, reduces staff's ability to take advantage of early year tendering of projects. Advanced capital funding approval allows HRM to:

1. take advantage of lower tendered prices from contractors which historically is the case with those projects tendered in the early period of the year. This results in financial savings.
2. take advantage of the full summer construction period to implement projects which are sensitive to time and weather, such as those of an environmental nature requiring the dry summer season of the year or those within school zone areas where implementation and completion become desirable during the summer school break.
3. tender projects which require a lengthy lead time to order equipment that will significantly delay the construction or implementation of services.

Staff's proposal for advanced funding approval of a portion of the proposed 2008/09 Capital Budget is similar to the practice that is in place with the Provincial level of government. Projects to be considered for this advanced approval are generally of a regular repair or rehabilitation nature. The projects listed on the attached Schedule "A" fall into this category.

This includes projects that are:

- of a high priority nature based on existing infrastructure conditions;
- critical due to the timing and coordination with other capital projects; and,
- are of a seasonal nature making early construction advantageous.

Advanced funding requests for each budget category represent no more than 50% of the capacity funding approved in principle as part of the 2008-09 Capital Plan. This constraint recognises the need to maintain flexibility in the capital budgeting process to ensure Council priorities identified in the Council Focus Area discussions are addressed.

All projects listed on the attached Schedule "A" are included in year 2 of the Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget and 2008/09 and 2009/10 Capital Plan. The normal public tendering process followed with Council's approval of the contract award will still apply.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The requested advanced funding amounts totalling \$ 28,434,500 would be the first charges against the upcoming 2008/09 Capital Budget. All projects are funded through debt, capital from operating, or other broadly available funding sources. Funding and total amounts for each project may be adjusted as part of the proposed 2008/09 Capital Budget. Finance is limiting the amount of Advanced Capital for 2008/09 to maintain some flexibility and capacity to address any realignment of the capital budget as a result of Council Focus Area discussions.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVE

Delay the recommendations and defer to the approval of the 2008/09 Capital Budget in Spring 2008.

ATTACHMENTS

Advanced Capital Project Listing Schedule "A"

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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November 20, 2007

Schedule "A"

Advanced Capital Budget Listing 2008/09

The following project listing forms part of the Proposed 2008/09 Capital Budget for Transportation and Public Works, Community Development, and Infrastructure and Asset Management.

Buildings

	Estimate
Captain William Spry Retrofit (CFG00993)	\$ 200,000
HRM Administration Buildings - Upgrades (CBU00944)	150,000
Subtotal Buildings	\$ 350,000

Roads and Streets

	<u>District</u>	Estimate
Curb Renewals (New Project # for 08/09) *		\$ 560,000
Greystone Dr (Herring Cove To Turning Area)	18	
Windmill Rd (Jamieson St To Albro Lake Rd)	9	
Cunard St (Agricola To Robie)	12	
Hillside Ave (Robie To Agricola)	11	
Highland Ave (Normandy To Hillside)	11	
Kingston Cres (Birchwood Terr To Lawnsdale)	5	
Guy Street (Existing Concrete to End)	5	
Waverley Rd (Micmac To Braemar)	6	
Bridge Repairs - various locations (New Project # for 08/09) *		\$ 500,000
Main Artery Patching - Various Locations (New # Project for 08/09) *		\$ 600,000
Other Related Roadworks (D&C) (New Project # for 08/09) *		\$ 425,000
Retaining Wall Renewal	\$200,000	
Guide Rail Renewal	150,000	
Asphalt Specification Design	75,000	
New Paving Streets inside Core Area (New Project # for 08/09) *		\$ 800,000
Paula Drive (Deepwood Dr. to Existing Pavement)	23	
Brighton Avenue (End to End)	23	
Dundee Street (Bristol Ave. to Brighton Ave.)	23	
Trafalgar Turn (Bristol Ave. to Cul De Sac)	23	
Hummingbird Lane (Sylvania to Existing Pavement)	23	
Timberlane Terr (Sylvania Terr to Shelby Dr.)	23	
Paving Renewal Program (New Project # for 08/09) *		\$ 2,850,000
Queen St (Alderney To Wentworth)	5	
King St (Park To Ochterloney)	5	

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Frederick Ave (Willett To Gesner)	15
Canary Cres (Flamingo To Meadowlark)	16
Parkdale Ave (Trunk 3 To Maple)	22
Stokii Dr (Beaver Bank Rd To Armcrest)	19
Robert Dr (End To Elwin)	7
Prince St (Skyridge To Tilley)	20
Skyridge Ave (Prince To Dickey)	20
Holland Rd (School To End Of Pavement)	2
North Preston Rd (Johnson To Simmons)	3

Resurfacing (New Project # for 08/09) * \$ 5,400,000

Main St (Caledonia Rd To Brigadoon Ave)	6/7
Pleasant St (Imperial Oil To Main Rd East Pass)	8
Greystone Dr (Herring Cove To Turning Area)	18
Wellington St (South To Inglis)	13
Robie St (Quinpool To Jubilee, East side)	13
Windmill Rd (Jamieson St To Albro Lake Rd)	9
Cunard St (Agricola To Robie, North side)	12
Cunard St (Windsor To Robie)	14
Hillside Ave (Robie To Agricola)	11
Milsom St (Springvale To Downs)	17
Kingston Cres (Birchwood Terr To Lawnsdale Dr)	5
Highland Ave (Normandy To Hillside)	11
Beaver Bank Rd (Rosley To Beaver Bank Riv)	2
Connaught Ave (Quinpool To Norwood, West side)	13
Connaught Ave (Third To First, both sides)	14
Connaught Ave (First To Quinpool, both sides)	14
Bedford Hwy (Dartmouth Rd To Rocky Lake Dr)	21
Rocky Lake Dr (North of Duke to RR O/P)	21
Dunbrack St (Main To Willett)	10
Dunbrack St (Willett To Main)	15
Braemar Dr (Parclo To Mic Mac)	6
Hillsboro Dr (Trunk 7 To Karen)	4

Resurfacing - Sub-Total	\$ 3,700,000
Micro Surfacing (various locations)	800,000
Thin Overlays (various locations)	800,000
Crack Sealing (various locations)	100,000

Subtotal Roads and Streets **\$11,135,000**

Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters

	District	Estimate
New Sidewalks (New Project # for 08/09) *		\$ 1,275,000
Prince Street (Skyridge To Tilley)	20	
Skyridge Ave (Prince To Dickey)	20	
Chain Lake Dr (Kent Driveway to Susie Lake Cresc)	10	
Eisener Blvd (Russell To Walkway)	7	
St Clair (Avenue Du Portage to Stanfield)	6	
Hollis St (VIA RR to Barrington)	12	
Oriole St (Pioneer To Flamingo)	16	

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Victoria Rd (Albro To Farrell)	9
Stokil Dr (Beaver Bank Road To Armcrest Dr)	19
Beaver Bank Road (Civic 1501 To Rosley)	2

Sidewalk Renewals (New Project # for 08/09) *		Side	\$ 1,200,000
Waverley Rd (Micmac to Braemar Dr)	6	W	
Queen St (King to Wentworth)	5	N	
King St (Park to North)	5	W	
Shore Rd (Best to Mott)	5	N	
Windmill Rd (Henry to Jamieson)	9	E	
Windmill Rd (Elmwood to Henry)	9	E	
Windmill Rd (Howe to Albro Lake)	9	W	
Windmill Rd (Elmwood to Stairs)	9	E	
Windmill Rd (Howe to Wallace)	9	E	
Windmill Rd (Wallace to Albro Lake)	9	E	
Highland Ave (Normandy to Woodbine)	11	W	
Hillside Ave (Agricola to Robie)	11	S	
Cunard St (Hunter to Windsor)	12	N	
Queen St (King to Edward)	5	S	
Queen St (Edward to Alderney)	5	S	
Cunard St (June to Agricola)	12	N	
St Margarets Bay Rd (Birches to End of Asphalt)	17	S	
Greystone Dr (Herring Cove to Turning Area)	18	E	
Marlborough Ave (Inglis to Roxton)	13	W	
Tower Rd (Victoria to Inglis)	13	E	
Alderney Dr (North to Park)	5	E	
Waegwoltic Ave (Conrose to Oxford)	13	S	
Henry St (Jubilee to Binney)	13	E	

Subtotal Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters \$ 2,475,000

Parks and Playgrounds

		District	Estimate
Playground Upgrades and Replacements (New Project # for 08/09) *			\$ 180,000
Holland Road School	\$30,000	2	
West Chezzetcook School	\$30,000	3	
Robert Kempt Turner School	\$30,000	4	
St. Stephen's School	\$30,000	11	
Smokey Drive School	\$30,000	19	
Waverley Road School	\$30,000	21	
Track and Field (New Project # for 08/09) *			\$ 25,000
Sports Court Upgrades (New Project # for 08/09) *			\$ 150,000
Park Upgrades (New Project # for 08/09) *			\$ 150,000
Ballfield Upgrades (New Project # for 08/09) *			\$ 100,000
Regional Trails Development (New # Project for 08/09) *			\$ 150,000
New Park Development (New Project # for 08/09) *			\$ 95,000
Shwarzwald Subdivision	\$30,000	2	
Highland Park Subdivision	\$15,000	23	
Haliburton Hills-Abbey Road Pk	\$50,000	23	

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Walkways -HRM Wide Various upgrades (New Project # for 08/09) * \$ 50,000

Subtotal Parks and Playgrounds \$ 900,000

Traffic and Right of Way Services

	Estimate
Controller Cabinet Replacement Program (CTU00337)	\$ 126,000
Traffic Signal Rehabilitation Program (CTU00419)	152,000
Bikeway Master Plan (CTU00420)	280,000
Traffic Signal Compliance Program (CTU00422)	151,000
Traffic Signal Installation (New Project # for 08/09) *	330,000
Intersection Improvement Projects (New Project # for 08/09) *	505,000
LED Traffic Signal Conversion Project (CTU00886)	125,000

Subtotal Traffic and Right of Way Services \$ 1,669,000

Equipment & Fleet

	Estimate
Fleet Vehicle Replacement (New Project for 08/09) *	\$ 1,375,000
Fire Fleet Apparatus (New Project for 08/09) *	1,451,000
Fire Utility Replacement (New Project for 08/09) *	115,000
Police Marked Cars (New Project for 08/09) *	358,500
Police Unmarked Cars (New Project for 08/09) *	276,000

Subtotal for Equipment & Fleet \$ 3,575,500

Metro Transit

	Estimate
Metro Link (CMU00981)	\$ 610,000
Rural Express (CMU00973)	650,000
Downtown Shuttle (CMU00974)	1,700,000
AAB replacement (CVD00430)	220,000
Conventional bus exp (New Project for 08/09) *	1,600,000
Conventional bus repl (New Project for 08/09) *	3,550,000

Subtotal for Metro Transit \$ 8,330,000

Total Advanced Funding Requested \$28,434,500

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