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

SUBMITTED BY:

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Phil Townsend, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: April 26, 2010

SUBJECT: **Larry Uteck Blvd./Highway 102 Interchange Environmental
Assessment**

ORIGIN

This report originates from the Implementation Plan for the Bedford West Capital Cost Contribution program.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Regional Council approve the reimbursement of \$101,932.38 (net HST included) to Clayton Developments Limited for the Larry Uteck Blvd./Highway 102 Interchange Environmental Assessment study with funding from Capital Account No. CTU00971, Larry Uteck Blvd./Highway 102 Interchange as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Larry Uteck Blvd./Highway 102 Interchange is a critical piece of transportation infrastructure which is needed to ensure the successful development of the Bedford South and Bedford West Master Plan areas, and to meet outcomes of the HRM Regional Plan.

The Interchange project has funding from all three levels of government as well as Developer Capital Cost Contributions (CCC) from the Bedford South and Bedford West master plan areas.

Planning for the Interchange began in 2003 when the Bedford South Capital Cost Contribution was approved by Regional Council. The interchange was included in the Highway 102 Interchanges Operational Assessment Report (2006, Dillon Consulting Ltd.). The siting and size of the interchange was finalized in June 2008 with the Highway 102 Larry Uteck Blvd./Highway 102 Interchange Traffic Impact Analysis report (CBCL). Construction of the Larry Uteck Blvd./Highway 102 Interchange is underway and is expected to be completed by August 2010.

DISCUSSION

Reserve Q133, Bedford South Interchange Reserve, was established in 2005 to fund the HRM share of the interchange. The adoption of the master plan for Bedford West increased the size and cost of the interchange, however increased levels of Federal and Provincial funding will allow the interchange to be constructed with no increase in the net cost to HRM.

Before the project could receive cost sharing from the federal government, an environmental assessment study had to be completed. In addition, HRM funding for the study was contingent upon approval of the Bedford West CCC program.

Since there was no HRM or provincial funding available and to avoid delaying the project, Clayton Developments Limited agreed to fund this study on the condition that it would be recommended for reimbursement once the Bedford West CCC implementation plan was approved. The Bedford West CCC program was approved by Regional Council in July 2009.

The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) agreed to coordinate the project and the approval process. Jacques Whitford Stantec had already completed similar work for Clayton Developments Limited on the adjacent site. Since they were also on a list of pre-qualified consultants for the Province, they were asked to submit a scope of work and project budget to HRM and NSTIR. A project budget of \$100,000 was approved and the final report was issued in December 2008.

While the study was not eligible for federal or provincial cost sharing, it did help secure over \$7,000,000 of Federal funding for the project.

Clayton Developments Limited issued an invoice for this work for \$98,553 plus taxes. Staff has reviewed the invoice and is recommending payment. Approximately 40 % of this will be recovered through Developer CCCs.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding in the amount of \$101,932.38 (net HST included) is available from Capital Account No. CTU00971, Larry Uteck Interchange. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CTU00971 Larry Uteck Interchange

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 10,547,243.14
LESS: Reimbursement to Clayton Developments Ltd	\$ 101,932.38
Balance	\$ 10,445,310.76

The balance of the funds will be used for the Larry Uteck Interchange project.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

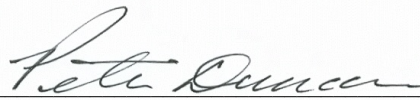
Council could agree not to reimburse Clayton Developments. This is not recommended for the reasons outlined in the report.

ATTACHMENTS

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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