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Item No. 10.1.6
Halifax Regional Council
February 8, 2011

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed
Councillor Gloria McCluskey, Chair, Harbour East Community Council

DATE: February 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Dartmouth Bridge Terminal

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

ORIGIN

The Harbour East Community Council Special Meeting of February 8, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

Harbour East Community Council recommends that Regional Council direct staff to proceed with Option 1 for the HRM Nantucket/Thistle Transit Terminal Project and that funding options be brought forward with the tabling of the 2011/12 Capital Budget.

BACKGROUND

Halifax Regional Council received a staff report and presentation on January 25, 2011 regarding proposed tender changes to the Dartmouth Bridge Terminal project. Discussion of the matter resulted in Halifax Regional Council approving the following motion:

That this matter be referred to the Harbour East Community Council for a public meeting and then come back to Halifax Regional Council for a final decision.

A public meeting was held in conjunction with the Harbour East Community Council meeting of February 3, 2011 during which staff gave a presentation which presented the proposed changes to the tender for the Dartmouth Terminal project. The meeting was attended by approximately 40 members of the public with 11 persons addressing the meeting. The following motion was passed at the February 3, 2011 Harbour East Community Council meeting:

That the comments and concerns received from the public be referred back to Council for their consideration prior to making a decision with regard to the Dartmouth Bridge Terminal Project.

DISCUSSION

A special Harbour East Community Council meeting was held on February 8, 2011. At this meeting the Harbour East Community Council made a recommendation to Regional Council to direct staff to proceed with Option 1 for the HRM Nantucket/Thistle Transit Terminal Project and that funding options be brought forward with the tabling of the 2011/12 Capital Budget.

It was noted that the Harbour East Community Council members in attendance at the February 8, 2011 unanimously support Harbour East Community Council's recommendation to Regional Council.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Please refer to the January 20, 2011 staff report for budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Harbour East Community Council hosted a public meeting on February 3, 2011 to ensure there was public consultation relative to the proposed changes to the Dartmouth Terminal project. HRM staff has consulted with staff of both the Sportsplex and Dartmouth High relative to these

changes. Please refer to the January 20, 2011 staff report for further information on community engagement.

ALTERNATIVES

Please refer to the January 20, 2011 staff report for alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.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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