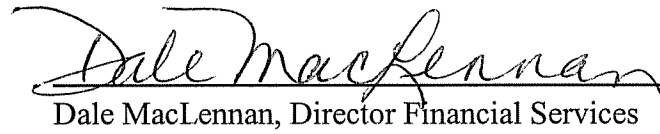


TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


Dale MacLennan, Director Financial Services

DATE: June 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Canada - Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program Update

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This report provides an update on HRM's projects under the Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure program.

BACKGROUND

On October 4, 2000, the Canada - Nova Scotia Infrastructure Agreement was signed in Halifax. With equal contributions from the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia and other partners including municipalities, the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program will represent a total investment of \$195 million over six years. The primary focus of the Infrastructure Program is "green" projects that will protect or enhance the quality of our environment, such as potable water, waste and wastewater systems and improved air quality. The secondary priorities include local transportation infrastructure, cultural and recreational facilities, affordable housing, remote and rural telecommunications links and high-speed Internet connections for public institutions.

Halifax Regional Municipality is allocated \$25,792,000 of funding from the Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program (CNSIP). Those funds were applied for as approved by Regional Council. HRM currently has 19 projects under the CNSIP program.

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DISCUSSION

Completed Projects

The following projects are complete and HRM has received final payment from CNSIP:

North Preston Community Centre
Beaver Bank Road Trunk Sewer Upgrade
Beaver Bank Water, Phase IV, A

The following projects are complete and HRM is currently finalizing the administrative requirements to receive final payment:

Little Salmon River
Maplewood Water, Phase I
Miller Lake Water
Beaver Bank Sewer Upgrade
Beaver Bank Water, Phase IV, B & C

MacIntosh Run Sanitary Sewer Upgrade is substantially complete. Staff will be working with the contractor over the next three - five weeks to finalize the work. We will then proceed with finalizing the administrative requirements.

Projects in Progress

Maplewood Water, Phase II, Prince's Lodge Water and Sewer, and the Harbour East Artificial Turf are currently projected to be completed on budget and on time.

Due to the size and complexity, Beaverbank Water and Sewer was allocated seven separate projects. Four of the projects are complete. The remaining three projects are progressing as planned. Staff is in the process of awarding the contract for Phase 4E and will be providing Council with a recommendation for approval in the near future.

Herring Cove Water and Sewer currently has \$2,070,800 of CNSIP funds allocated to the project. As this project contains a Local Improvement Charge that requires a public vote, followed by Council approval, staff must await the outcome of the public meeting on July 5/05 prior to starting the project.

Moser River Fire Station is a \$625,000 project and currently faces some potential budget risk. Staff will be better able to quantify the risk through the tender process. The project is expected to be completed by March 31, 2006.

The Mainland Commons Recreation Facility is a \$7.9 million project with only one-third of the

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funding coming from CNSIP. To maximize the opportunity for Federal/Provincial funding through the CNSIP program, HRM needs to have this project completed and all funds expended by March 31, 2006. Due to a variety of circumstances, this project will not be completed by March 31, 2006. Efforts are underway to secure an extension for the program deadlines. Nothing has been finalized, but it is expected that the dates will be extended.

The tender for the Highway 111 Interchange project closed on Friday June 17 and the low bidder is higher than the original budgeted amount. Staff is reviewing the current design and budgeted costs and will be bringing a report to Council for the restating of the budget to award this project. The project is anticipated to be completed in the summer or fall of 2006. All eligible CNSIP costs for this project will be spent by March 2006 to qualify for the allocated infrastructure funds identified in this report.

Staff will return to Council on September 27, 2005 with the next quarterly update.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY IMPACTS

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

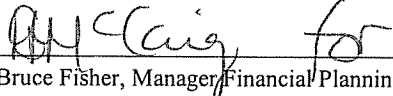
None. Information only.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. CNSIP project list and status

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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Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program

Project #	Project Name	Total Cost	Approved CNSIP	% Approved Funding	Projected Final Cost June 28/05	Variance	Projected CNSIP June 28/05	Variance	Status
Completed Projects									
05-00-0314	Little Salmon River	1,132,000	754,196		1,214,926	-82,926	754,196		0 Project complete, awaiting final audit
05-00-0315	Maplewood Water, Phase I	450,000	277,977		465,452	-15,452	277,977		0 Project complete, awaiting final audit
05-00-0360	Miller Lake Water	200,000	133,333		227,559	-27,559	133,333		0 Project complete, awaiting final audit
05-00-0324	North Preston Community Centre	2,972,000	1,981,333		3,115,993	-143,993	1,981,333		0 Project complete, received final payment June 6/05
05-00-0193	Macintosh Run - Sanitary Sewer Upgrade	1,000,000	517,477		776,216	223,784	517,477		0 Project substantially complete, projected completion July 05
	Sub Total Completed Projects	4,754,000	3,664,316		5,023,930	-269,930	3,664,316		0
Projects in Progress									
05-03-0091	Maplewood Water, Phase II	615,000	410,000	66.67%	615,000	0	410,000		0 Design complete, tender in June 05, complete Nov 05
05-00-0368	Prince's Lodge Water & Sewer	1,617,000	1,078,000	66.67%	1,617,000	0	1,078,000		0 Project tendered, finalizing contract, complete Nov 05
05-00-0315	Herring Cover Water and Sewer	3,106,200	2,070,800	66.67%	3,106,200	0	2,070,800		0 1A tender closed June 17, projected completion Dec 05
05-03-0069	Moser River Fire Station	625,000	416,666	66.67%	625,000	0	416,666		0 Final design stage; tender early summer, 4-6 month construction, completion Dec - Feb 06
05-00-0318	Harbour East Artificial Turf	4,000,000	1,600,000	45.71%	4,100,000	-100,000	1,600,000		0 Design phase, tender in July 05, completion June 2006, CNSIP funds to be expended prior to Mar 06. Staff is examining options to reduce the cost of the project.
05-00-0343	Mainland Commons Rec Facility - Phase I	7,912,000	2,683,682	25.00%	7,912,000	0	2,683,682		0 Design phase, projected completion Oct 05
05-00-0199	Highway 111/Woodside Connector	7,000,000	2,500,000	35.71%	12,200,000	-5,200,000	2,500,000		0 Tender closed, completion summer 2005, CNSIP funds to be expended prior to March 2006.
	Sub Total Projects in Progress	24,875,200	10,759,148		30,175,200	-5,300,000	10,759,148		0
Beaver Bank Group									
05-00-0196	Beaver Bank Road Trunk Sewer Upgrade	750,000	500,000	66.67%	749,796	204	495,489	3,511	0 Project complete, received final payment May 10/05
05-01-0157	Beaver Bank Sewer Service - Phase IV, DE	3,492,650	2,328,433	66.67%	3,492,650	0	2,328,433		0 Phase 4D under construction with projected completion Dec 05, 4E tender has closed.
05-00-0197	Beaver Bank Sewer Upgrade	4,411,500	2,941,000	66.67%	4,411,500	0	2,941,000		0 Project complete, awaiting final audit
05-01-0146	Beaver Bank Water - Phase IV, BC	2,250,000	1,500,000	66.67%	2,250,000	0	1,500,000		0 Project complete, awaiting final audit
05-01-0153	Beaver Bank Water Reservoir	3,000,000	2,000,000	66.67%	3,000,000	0	2,000,000		0 Project tender to close June 24, projected completion Dec 05
05-01-0156	Beaver Bank Water Service - Phase IV, DE	2,717,650	1,811,767	66.67%	2,717,650	0	1,811,767		0 Phase 4D under construction with projected completion Dec 05, 4E tender has closed.
05-00-0313	Beaver Bank Water, Phase IV, A	428,200	285,467	66.67%	428,200	0	285,467		0 Project complete, received final payment May 10/05
	Sub Total Beaver Bank Group	17,050,000	11,366,667		17,049,796	204	11,363,156	3,511	
	Total CNSIP	46,679,200	25,790,131		52,248,926	-5,569,726	25,786,620	3,511	