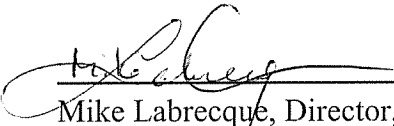

Halifax Regional Council
April 2, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
Mike Labrecque, Director, Real Property Services

DATE: March 25, 2002

SUBJECT: MetroPark Parking Garage

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

On December 12, 2000, Regional Council approved the construction of a downtown public parking facility.

BACKGROUND

In response to a request for proposals for a downtown public parking facility issued by the Halifax Regional Municipality on September 6, 2000 five valid submissions were received. Following an in-depth evaluation of these responses, staff recommended the proposal award to The Hardman Group Limited.

Regional Council subsequently approved this recommendation on December 12, 2000, and further recommended additional funding for items such as site remediation, landscaping, and contingency funds on March 20, 2001.

DISCUSSION

Site work commenced in April, 2001, and has continued uninterrupted since that time. Although all aspects of the building are not yet complete, the first customers entered the facility on April 1, 2002, signalling the *delivery of the project on time and on budget.*

The remaining components of the job to be completed include exterior landscaping, leasing of the Salter Street retail spaces and completion of modifications to accommodate a car rental agency on the premises. The majority of the contingency funding approved by Council on March 20, has been expended on costs related to winter construction. Remaining funds in the contingency were used to provide enhancements to the original plan, including emergency lighting in the building and exterior glazing of the stairwells. These items will improve user safety and security in the building.

The quality of workmanship, finishes, and equipment in the building is judged to be best in class and this facility will serve the HRM's downtown community for many years.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

N/A

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

None

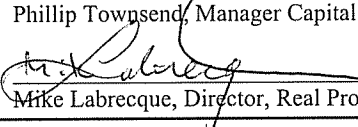
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