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Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE:

November 5, 2002

SUBJECT:

Halifax Road - Temporary Re-Alignment

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

This report originates from staff.

BACKGROUND

At the October 22, 2002, Regional Council meeting, Council lifted the condition precedent related to funding from the other levels of government, as currently stipulated in the Harbour Solutions Development Agreement, and agreed to proceed with the Project in its entirety.

The federal environmental assessment process under CEAA is close to completion, and the Draft Screening Report generated is available for public review. There will be a formal 14-day review period which will start on November 8, 2002.

There are some preparatory activities that staff wishes to undertake in relation to the Halifax Harbour Solutions Project prior to the CEAA assessment acceptance, and staff has requested Public Works Government Services Canada (PWGSC) to consult with the Responsible Authorities.

DISCUSSION

The proposed work will be undertaken during the fall and early winter of 2002/2003, and will consist of a temporary road realignment on Upper Water Street in the area of the Halifax STP site. This will expose areas needed for completion of the detailed preconstruction archaeological survey and to ensure the site for the Halifax Sewage Treatment Plant will be available once the final CEAA screening report is accepted. This activity is schedule critical and considering the risk of not getting acceptance from CEAA is extremely remote, staff is satisfied that this is a reasonable approach.

Staff received a response from PWGSC indicating that the above proposed activities would be acceptable, as long as carried out on HRM lands, with HRM funding, and would not require any federal approval.

HREP has begun some preliminary tasks related to the temporary road realignment of Upper Water Street and confirmed that the work can begin on November 15th, at the latest. The price for the work is as follows:

Temporary access road	\$169,400
Relocation of existing services	\$423,863
Engineering and permitting	<u>\$ 38,720</u>
Total	\$631 083 plus

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The temporary road will be constructed to HRM urban local industrial standard consisting of two travel lane with sidewalk on one side and street lighting. A specific side contract is being established for the temporary road and relocation of existing services. This would allow HRM and the Halifax Regional Environmental Partnership (HREP) to keep working prior to acceptance of the formal assessment under CEAA. All payments under this side contract would be deducted from the Halifax STP Guaranteed Maximum Price of the Development Agreement.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The amount of \$631,983 plus HST for the side contract is available from account CSE00386.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

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

ALTERNATIVES

Council could instruct staff not to pursue the side contract for the temporary road and relocation of existing services. Staff does not recommend this because this activity is on the critical path of the Harbour Solutions Project.

ATTACHMENT

Appendix "A" Plan - Proposed Temporary Halifax Road re-alignment

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at

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