

**Item No. 9.1.4**  
**Audit & Finance Standing Committee**  
**April 16, 2014**

**TO:** Chair and Members of Audit & Finance Standing Committee

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**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Stickings, Acting Director, Planning & Infrastructure

**DATE:** February 21, 2014

**SUBJECT:** **Facility Development Project Funding**

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**ORIGIN**

Reallocation of residual funding from closed or reduced projects.

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

Under the HRM Charter, Section 79 Halifax Regional Council may expend money for municipal purposes.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend Regional Council approve the following project budget increases:

1. CBX01154, Accessibility – HRM Facilities, for 2014/15 in the amount of \$125,000, with funding from Cappool, as per the Financial Implications section of this report;
2. CB000026, Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Building Renewal, for 2014/15 in the amount of \$520,000, with funding from Cappool, as per the Financial Implications section of this report; and
3. CBX01046, City Hall and Grand Parade Renewal, for 2014/15 in the amount of \$600,000, with funding from Crespool, as per the Financial Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

Over the last few months, Facility Development has performed an extensive review of existing accounts and reduced or closed projects that were no longer required. This resulted in a transfer of funds to Crespool/Cappool of approximately \$1.1M. Facility Development would like to transfer these funds to the projects detailed in the discussion section of this report.

The need for these funding increases was identified by Facility Development in early 2014; however, it was past the deadline in the project budget process to have these items added to the 2014/15 budget request.

## **DISCUSSION**

### Funding to Accessibility – HRM Facilities, Project No. CBX01154

The City Hall Elevator, the Albro Lake Washroom, and the Chocolate Lake Washroom are all ongoing projects under the Accessibility account which have encountered unexpected overages.

The washroom facilities projects have extra costs mostly related to additional rock breaking, requiring the identification of \$140,000 (net HST included) of funding. This is an 8.9% increase over the original contract value.

The elevator project uncovered additional work required related to the shaft construction. This included rock breaking at the bottom of the shaft and uncovering unpredictable structures requiring alteration or remedy additional cost of approximately \$28,000.

Currently, Project No. CBX01154 has \$43,144 in reservations available to address completion of the outstanding work for both projects. This is insufficient, as there is approximately \$168,000 of project extras anticipated.

### Creation of Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Building Renewal Project No. CB000026

Work is currently underway at 88 Alderney for the renovation of the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal interiors, construction of new washrooms on Level 1 and the creation of new office space on Level 2. The entire project cost is \$2,240,000 and completion planned for June 2014. These upgrades will refresh the Dartmouth Ferry Terminal and help consolidate Planning & Infrastructure staff in one office location covering Level 2 and Level 3. Based on the scope of the combined projects, it is recommended that a dedicated account for Dartmouth Ferry Terminal upgrades be created to keep Transit and non-Transit items separated.

### Funding to City Hall and Grand Parade Renewal Project No. CBX01046

In January 2012, GF Duffus & Co Architects Ltd and Vollick McKee Petersman and Associates delivered a Conservation Plan for the Grand Parade. Additionally, Staff are in the development of a five year capital renewal program for the City Hall Building, including: renovations of the

Councillors' Offices (and Support Staff), ventilation improvements, and renovations in the Mayor's Support Staff Offices approximate cost of \$600,000.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Funding is available in Crespool/Cappool from closure and reduction of multiple Project Budgets. Budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

**Budget Summary: Project No. CBX01154 – Accessibility – HRM Facilities**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 99,479.82
Add: Budget Transfer	<u>\$ 125,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 224,479.82

**Project No. CB000026 – Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Building  
Renewal**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 0.00
Add: Budget Transfer	<u>\$ 520,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 520,000.00

**Project No. CBX01046 – Halifax City Hall & Grand Parade Renewal**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 74,481.42
Add: Budget Transfer	<u>\$ 600,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 674,481.42

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

None

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**ALTERNATIVES**

Committee or Regional Council may choose to direct staff not to use this source of funding to complete the Accessibility and Dartmouth Ferry Terminal Projects and seek other solutions. They may also choose to allocate available funds to other municipal needs. This is not recommended as funds are required to complete active projects.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A

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A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/boardscom/SCfinance/index.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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**APPENDIX A**

**Project Closures**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Value</b>
CPX01194	Regional Washroom Upgrades	6,646.05
CPX01015	Mainland Common Development	147,559.71
CPX01179	Athletic Field/Park Equipment	10,996.35
CPX01186	New Sports Court Development	2,260.50
CPX01189	Outdoor/Spray Pools & Fountains	62,911.88
CPX01184	Lawn Bowling Facilities	18,190.11
CPX01230	Dingle Tower Restoration	6,235.10
CBX01151	All Buildings Program	92,044.16
CBX01155	200 Iisley Ave Safety Upgrades	4,865.73
CBX01156	Various Recreation Facilities	38,487.35
CBX01158	Arena Upgrades	65,179.16
CBX01166	Management Agreements - Community Centres	36,138.36
	<b>Total</b>	<b>491,514.46</b>

**Project Reductions**

<b>Source Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Value</b>
CBX01169	HRM Admin Blds (Reservation 1731.1)	69,650.80
CBX01269	Mechanical (Category 6) (Reservation 1915.1)	100,000.00
CBX01273	Architecture Interiors (Reservation 1914.23 (Category 5) (Requisition 2050566543)	376,855.20
CBX01275	Electrical (Category 7) (Reservation 1908.15)	83,170.56
		<b>629,676.56</b>

**Total Closures and Reductions**

**1,121,191.02**