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

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SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: August 7, 2014

SUBJECT: Funding Award – 2014 Nova Scotia Moves

ORIGIN

The approved 2014-15 Project Budget includes funding for Active Transportation Connections to the Porter's Lake Transit Terminal (Page K1).

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

HRM Charter section 73 states: "The Municipality may enter into and carry out agreements:

- (c) with the Government of the Province with respect to the development, operation or maintenance of trails on land of Her Majesty in right of the Province."

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Audit & Finance Standing Committee recommend to Halifax Regional Council to:

- (1) Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Nova Scotia Energy (NS Moves Program) for \$100,000 in funding as indicated in this report; and
- (2) Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Nova Scotia Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal for \$70,000 in funding as indicated in this report; and
- (3) Increase the Project Budget for CTU00420 Bikeway Master Plan Implementation by \$170,000 to include external funding from the Province of Nova Scotia.

BACKGROUND

This is the third year that the Province has solicited applications for projects and programs that promote sustainable transportation for funding through the Nova Scotia Moves Program. An information report to Transportation Standing Committee (July 23, 2014) and Regional Council (August 5, 2014) advised that an application was being submitted by HRM for Active Transportation Connections to the Porter's Lake Transit Terminal.

DISCUSSION

On August 5, 2014, staff were advised that of the \$175,000 in funding that was applied for, \$100,000 in funding had been approved.

The approved 2014-15 Project Budget had \$150,000 in place for this project. A subsequent discussion with Nova Scotia Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal resulted in another \$70,000 being committed to the project. Funding from the Nova Scotia Moves Program was to have been used to extend the scope of the project to a total of \$395,000 (including \$50,000 for engineering design). With a lesser amount in funding being granted, the scope of the project will once again be adjusted to fit the available construction budget of \$320,000 (see table below). It is proposed that hard surfacing of segments 3 and 5 would be deferred to a future year.

Segm	Description	Leng (m)	Create Path	Build Subgrade	Hard Surface	NS Moves Funding	NSTIR Funding	HRM Funding
1	Station Road to School Property	50	●	✓	✓			\$20,000
2	Existing Trail within School Property	330	●	●	✓	\$30,000		\$30,000
3	MetroX Station to Interchange	260	✓	✓	○	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$15,000
4	Within Interchange Area	160	●	●	✓		\$25,000	\$40,000
5	Interchange to Blueberry Run	100	✓	✓	○			\$20,000
CONSTRUCTION TOTAL						\$75,000	\$70,000	\$125,000
Engineering Design						\$25,000		\$25,000
PROJECT TOTAL						\$100,000	\$70,000	\$150,000

KEY

- Already Exists
- ✓ Project Component
- Delayed to Future Budget

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget availability has been confirmed by Finance.

Budget Summary:	<u>Project Account No. CTU00420 Bikeway Master Plan Implementation</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$798,649.36
	Plus: NSTIR Funding	\$ 70,000.00
	Plus: NS Moves <u>\$100,000.00</u>	
	Balance	\$968,649.36

Funding

The remaining funding in this account will be used for additional Active Transportation projects as described in the Project Budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement was undertaken as part of the development of the Porter's Lake Area AT Plan. This consisted of stakeholder consultation, two well-attended public meetings, and an on-line survey. Further community engagement is planned as part of the engineering design process.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The purpose of the NS Moves Program is to reduce environmental implications associated with transportation demand. Staff believes this project matches well with the program objectives.

ALTERNATIVES

The Standing Committee may choose not to accept one or both sources of Provincial funding and to reduce the scope of the project accordingly.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Phasing Plan
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A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/index.php> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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