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TO: Members of the HRM Board of Police Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Award – RFP P16-052 – Leased Accommodations - Halifax Regional Police

ORIGIN

This report originates with the pending lease expiry of Halifax Regional Police (HRP) Criminal Investigations Division (CID) current space at 1874 Brunswick Street. This location houses the majority of the criminal investigators from HRP and Halifax District RCMP. An evaluation of HRP's current accommodations, operational requirements and eventual significant increased costs identified a need for alternate premises as the present lease was set to expire on April 30, 2017. An RFP for the provision of new Leased Accommodations was issued to procure the required space. A final report detailing all the background information, including the identity of the winning bidder and new facility will be submitted in both a public and confidential report to Regional Council on July 26, 2016.

This report is intended to provide a brief overview of the results of the RFP process and is submitted for information purposes only to the Police Commissioners for further discussion during the July 25, 2016 meeting if required. A copy of the public report submitted to Halifax Regional Council for July 26, 2016 is also being provided to the Board for information purposes.

BACKGROUND

HRP Criminal Investigations Division (CID) currently occupies 18,600 square feet of leased space located at 1874 Brunswick Street, Halifax. The term of this lease is for 10 years and will expire on April 30, 2017. Other HRP staff occupy another site. Additional CID resources operate out of HRP's headquarters at 1975 Gottingen due to lack of available space at 1874 Brunswick St. The current CID premises at 1874 Brunswick have become cramped and dysfunctional and no longer meet HRP operational requirements or newer policing standards. 1874 Brunswick St. also lacks parking which creates challenges for the secure parking of HRP fleet vehicles.

A review of CID's space requirements determined that their space requirements were in the range of 20,000 – 25,000 square feet once the other personnel's needs are accounted for.

DISCUSSION

To ensure continuing high levels of police service delivery in HRM, optimal value for money and building performance, HRM issued an RFP for leased office accommodation to consolidate several Halifax Regional Police program offices, which includes terminating the existing leases at 1874 Brunswick St. and one other building. The objective of the RFP was to identify the best lease accommodations to provide these services. This accommodation will act as a bridge space for CID until the potential new

police headquarters building(s) is ready.

The RFP process has been followed and subject to approval by Regional Council through the submission of a complete report during the July 26, 2016 Council meeting, will be awarded to the winning bidder.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will no financial impact this fiscal year (2016-17).

In fiscal 2017-18, it is anticipated there will be a budgetary pressure of approximately \$159,000. This pressure will be included in the presentation to the Board of Police Commissioners during budget discussions this fall. Our preliminary recommendation would be to fund this pressure from the Provincially Funded Police Officers & Facility Lease Reserve - Q325. This will be subject to direction and approval of the Board of Police Commissioners. This discussion will also form the basis of the strategy for the remaining years.

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