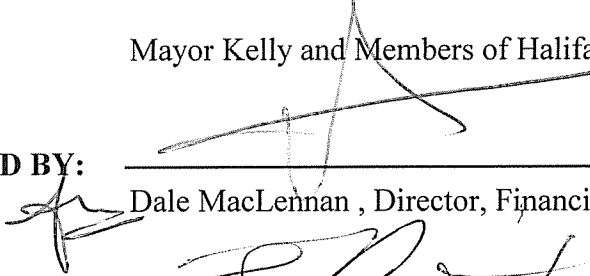


**Halifax Regional Council**  
**June 8, 2004**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Dale MacLennan, Director, Financial Services

  
Brad Anguish, Director, Environmental Management Services

**DATE:** June 2, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Permanent Financing - Harbour Solutions Project

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## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

Halifax Harbour Solutions Permanent Financing staff report approved at the In Camera Session of Regional Council, May 25, 2004

### BACKGROUND

One of the recommendations in the staff report of May 25, 2004 was that "staff return to Council on June 15, 2004 with a recommendation on the final financing package and lender." At that meeting, Council directed staff to prepare a Harbour Solutions Project Budget presentation.

**DISCUSSION**

Subsequent to Council's approval Finance staff met immediately with the Municipal Finance Corporation (MFC) to conclude negotiations in having the MFC place the \$110,000,000 required to finance the Project. At that meeting it was agreed that MFC staff would prepare their internal documentation which would allow them to commence the borrowing process. At the same time HRM staff requested the documentation that would be required of the HRM and which would be presented to Council for approval prior to MFC securing the funds in the market.

As requested by Council at its May 25<sup>th</sup> In Camera meeting, staff are now preparing to present the Project Budget. This report is scheduled for June 22, 2004.

In addition to the above it is important that senior Financial Services and Environmental Management Services staff be available when the Permanent Financing and Project Budget is presented to Council. This will not be possible for the June 15, 2004 date.

To ensure that all staff are available and that there is a consistent and smooth flow of information in respect to the Harbour Solutions Budget and Permanent Financing, staff are planning to have the Harbour Solutions Permanent Financing report to Regional Council on June 22, 2004.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

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

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS**

N/A

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