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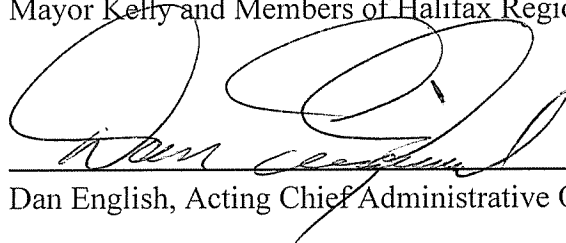


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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**August 17, 2004**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** July 23, 2004

**SUBJECT:** **Increase to Award RFP#04-151, Halifax Public Gardens Main Gate Restoration**

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**ORIGIN**

This report originates from a need to increase the existing RFP#04-151 to beyond 15 percent of its original value. The original award was approved by Council on March 23, 2004.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. approve an increase in Budget of Capital Account No. CB300642, Halifax Public Gardens Main Gate Restoration, in the amount of \$48,003, with funding from Operating Account No. 2160 - HRM Infrastructure Recovery Fund.
2. authorize the increase RFP #04-151, Halifax Public Gardens Main Gate Restoration, to RKO Steel, for the additional work required during the restoration of the Public Gardens gates and fence, by \$46,411 plus net HST for a total increase of \$48,003 from Capital Account No. CB300642, Halifax Public Gardens Main Gate Restoration, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

On March 23, 2004 Regional Council approved the award of RFP #04-151 Halifax Public Gardens Main Gate Restoration to RKO Steel for the \$158,384 plus applicable HST.

## **DISCUSSION**

As was noted in the report to Regional Council on March 23 it was understood by staff and the Public Gardens Foundation that the full scope of the restoration of the gates and fence could not be determined at the time of tender. An effort was made to include all of the known items in the tender to achieve competitive bidding on that work but during the removal of the gates, the excavation of the footings, and the scheduled repairs several items were identified that required additional work to complete the project successfully. This additional work included upgrades to the main gate foundations, a new entry on Summer Street to provide better access for Operations staff and upgrades to the South Park St. gate. Not included in these extras are significant work carried out by the contractor at no cost as a contribution to the effort to restore the Halifax Public Gardens.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Based on the increase to Capital Account No. CB300642, Halifax Public Gardens Main Gate Restoration, in the amount of \$48,003 from Operating Account No. 2160 - HRM Infrastructure Recovery Fund, from monies collected as part of the Maritime Broadcasting Radio-thon by the Public Gardens Foundation, funds are available for these additional costs in the amount of \$48,003. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

### **Budget summary: Capital Account No. CB300642 - Halifax Public Gardens Main Gate Restoration**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 945
Plus: increase from Operating Account No. 2160	\$48,003
Less: RFP 04-151 Increase	<u>\$48,003</u>
	\$ 945

## **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 the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

There are no reasonable alternatives to the recommendation.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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