

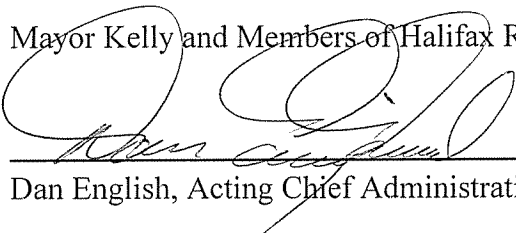


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Halifax Regional Council
November 9, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 21, 2004

SUBJECT: **Tender #04-340 - Seventy-five(75) Panasonic Model CF-29 Ruggedized Laptop Computers**

ORIGIN

Staff

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Approve an increase to the 2004/05 Capital Budget for a new project, "Police - Mobile Data Computers" for the purchase of seventy-five(75) Panasonic Model CF-29 Ruggedized Computers in the amount of \$394,762.64 with funding from Police Operating Accruals account 2080.
2. Award Tender # 04-340 to XWAVE for the purchase of seventy-five(75) Panasonic Model CF-29 Ruggedized Laptop Computers at a total cost of \$394,762.64(net HST included)with funding from the new Capital project for "Police - Mobile Data Computers", as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Halifax Regional Municipality publicly advertised tenders for seventy-five(75) Panasonic Model CF-29 ruggedized laptop computers for the Halifax Regional Police Service.

- 1) **Tender # 04-340 - Seventy-five(75) Panasonic Model CF-29 Ruggedized Laptop Computers.** Tenders for these laptops closed on October 14, 2004, with the following bids received.

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Bid (Net HST Included))</u>
XWAVE	\$394,762.64*
Panasonic Canada Inc.	\$395,228.07

* *Recommended bidder*

Note: Both bidders submitted prices on the Panasonic Model CF-29 Laptop.

DISCUSSION

The purchase of these laptops was not identified through the 2004/05 capital budget process as the replacement plan was intended to be spread over several years. However, it became evident during the implementation of CAD/RMS(Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System) that the existing MDC's(Mobile Data Computers) did not have sufficient memory. The new CAD/RMS requires MDC's to have, as a minimum, a Pentium 3 processor which is not available in the existing laptops. The Halifax Regional Municipality's new CAD/RMS utilizes a more demanding operating system mobile platform including multi-layered mapping for each MDC. The capacity of the current MDC's has peaked and will not meet the future needs of the Halifax Regional Police Service with a variety of intranet solutions and digital mugshot photos being sent thru the wireless network. XWAVE will be supplying seventy-five(75) Panasonic Model CF-29 ruggedized laptop computers complete with a 42 month warranty and 3 additional CF-29 laptops to be utilized as spares. Delivery is scheduled for November 15th, 2004.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on an increase to the 2004/05 Capital Budget in the amount of \$394,762.64 for the new project "Police - Mobile Data Computers" funding is available in Police Operating Accruals Account # 2080. This account is a Balance Sheet asset account funded from the Police operating budget. Police Operating Accrual Account # 2080 will be reimbursed through funding identified by Police in cost centre P310-6711 as follows, pending budget approval in future years:

04/05 Budget \$60,300	06/07 Budget \$120,500
05/06 Budget \$120,500	07/08 Budget \$93,500

This has been confirmed by Financial Services.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating budget, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation. If approved, this will increase the 2004/05 Capital Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

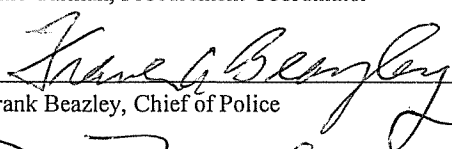
Tenders included leasing options which were evaluated. The leasing option is more expensive so is not recommended as an alternative.

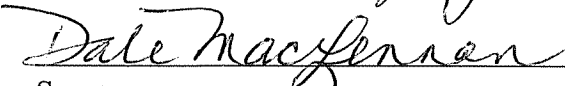
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