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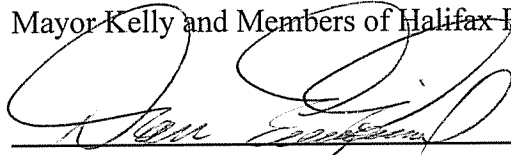


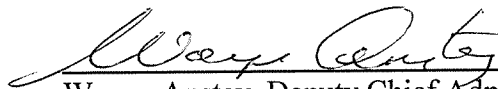
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**February 20, 2007**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

**DATE:** January 30, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Request for Extra Funds for Tender No. 05-230, Intersection Improvements Windmill Road at Akerley Boulevard - East Region

**ORIGIN**

The Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget and from a need to increase the contract beyond 15% of its original value.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Council authorize an increase to capital account # CGU00577, Akerley & Windmill PS in the amount of \$74,800 and an increase to capital account # CB300628, Bus Rapid Transit, in the amount of \$52,000 with no net impact as indicated in the Budget Implications Section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget included funds for the replacement of the existing pumping station at the intersection of Windmill Road and Akerley Boulevard. This pumping station had far outlived its life expectancy at its present location and because of difficult maintenance conditions a new site had been procured. The Approved 2005/06 Capital Budget also included funds for the implementation of transit priority features for the Metro Link Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. This intersection had been identified as a key location for transit queue jump lanes and transit signal priority in support of the Metro Link project.

On July 5, 2005, Council awarded Tender No. 05-230, Intersection Improvements Windmill Road at Akerley Boulevard - East Region to Ocean Contractors Limited for materials and services listed at the unit prices quoted for a Total Tender Price of \$1,518,328 (net H.S.T. included) from Capital Account No. CZU00717 - Resurfacing, Capital Account No. CGU00577 - Akerley & Windmill PS (Pumping Station), Dartmouth, Capital Account No. CTR00905 - Intersection Improvement Program and Capital Account No. CB300628 - Bus Rapid Transit Showcase with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

## **DISCUSSION**

Construction began on July 20, 2005, and generally consisted of the widening of the intersection of Akerley Boulevard at Windmill Road to facilitate transit queue jump lanes, decommissioning of an existing sewage pumping station, construction of a new sewage pumping station including sewer and force main from the old site to the new, traffic signal upgrade, signage, installation of a gas pipeline, landscaping, concrete sidewalk, concrete curb and gutter and intersection resurfacing.

During construction there was a much larger volume of rock/ boulders than originally estimated, that had to be removed in order to construct the retaining wall for the bus bay, pumping station, sewer and forcemain. As well, additional work was required in the intersection and there were extra costs related to water, sewer and electrical services to 900 Windmill Road.

Contract award Amount (including net HST)	\$1,518,328
Previously approved increase (contingency)	\$ 118,624
<b>Current Request for Increase (including net HST)</b>	<b><u>\$ 126,800</u></b>
New Contract Value (including net HST)	\$1,763,752

The request represents a total increase of 16.2% over the original contract value.

The affected purchase order is P.O. No. 2070257127.

This was a **UNIT PRICE** contract and the cost was dependent upon the actual quantities measured and approved by the HRM Project Manager.

There are no Local Improvement Charges associated with this work.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The total revised cost of the project is \$1,763,752, including net HST. This represents a 16.2% increase over the original tender award. In keeping with the MYFS and the double entry principle, the following 3 capital accounts were reduced/closed to free up funds to be reallocated to this project:

CBU00322 Stairs Street Sanitary Sewer Relining	\$ 35,300
CGU00325 Tamarack Circle Storm Sewer Renewal	\$ 39,500
CB200428 Transit Terminal Upgrade & Expansion	<u>\$ 52,000</u>
Total Reduction (Capital from Operating Funding)	\$126,800

Budget Summary: Account No. CGU00577, Akerley & Windmill PS, Dartmouth

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$0.00
Plus: Increase per recommendation	\$74,800
Less: Extra Work per Report	<u>(74,800)</u>
Balance:	\$0.00

Account No. CB300628, Bus Rapid Transit Showcase

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 1,825
Plus: Increase per recommendation	\$52,000
Less: Extra Work per Report	<u>(52,000)</u>
Balance	\$ 1,825

Funding has been confirmed by staff of Financial Services

### **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.

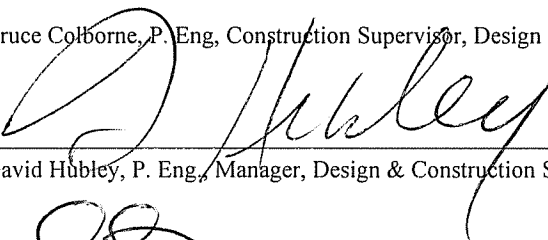
**ALTERNATIVES**

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

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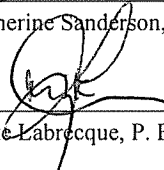
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