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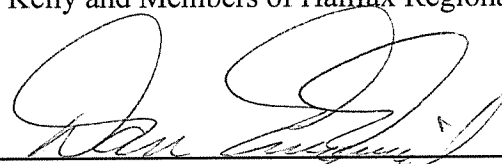


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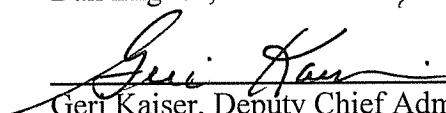
Halifax Regional Council
February 27, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: February 5, 2007

SUBJECT: **Capital Budget Increase - 2006/07 Provincial Cost-Shared Funds for
Civic Addressing Project, Phase III**

ORIGIN

The approved 2006/07 Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approve an increase in the Gross Budget of Capital Account No. CIY00019, Civic Address Data Project Phase III, by \$109,388 with no change to the net budget to include cost sharing from the 911 Cost Recovery Fund for municipal civic addressing as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Civic Addressing project is designed to develop and maintain an accurate and complete corporate geo-referenced civic address (CA) database. The corporate CA database is a key data set required to support on-going operation of CAD/ RMS and other enterprise information systems (GIS, LIS).

Phase III of the project involves correction of civic address problems/ data impacting the delivery of 911 services and other municipal services. Completion of Phase III will reduce the liability risk associated with known problems in the current civic addressing system.

Phase III of the project was initiated in 2002. The project has been funded from approved annual capital budgets as well as annual funds received from the Provincial 911 Cost Recovery Fund. The Provincial funds are derived from the monthly \$0.43 surcharge on telephone bills. These funds are supplied annually to all Nova Scotia municipalities to support maintenance of municipal civic address databases required to support the Province-wide 911 system.

Phase III of the Civic Address project will be completed by the end of 2007. On-going maintenance and improvements to the municipal civic address database will continue through the Civic Addressing Program which is funded through the Operating budget. In 2007/08, the annual Provincial funding will be directed towards maintaining the CA database through the operating budget.

DISCUSSION

During the 2006/07 budget process, no new capital funds were requested from Regional Council for the Civic Address Project. It was anticipated the project could be completed using remaining funds in Capital Account CIY00019 plus the 2006/07 funds received from the Provincial 911 Cost Recovery Fund. Through an oversight, the 2006/07 Provincial cost sharing was not reflected on the Civic Addressing Project Capital Supplementary form submitted to Regional Council. As a result of this omission, Regional Council technically did not approve the use of the funds for this purpose.

In 2006/07, funding in the amount of \$109,388 was received from the Province of Nova Scotia to support the civic address project. Staff are requesting approval to expend the funds that have been received. There is no impact to the bottom line.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funding has been received from the 911 Cost Recovery Fund in the amount of \$109,388 for this project.

Budget Summary: Capital Account No. CIY00019, Civic Address Data Project Phase III

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$138,008
Plus: Cost Sharing from 911 Cost Recovery Fund	<u>\$109,388</u>
Balance of Account	\$247,396

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. If approved, this will increase the 2006/07 Capital Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

Phase III of Civic Address project will not be completed. Support of the CAD/RMS project will be compromised and the liability risk associated with known problems in the current civic addressing system will increase.

This is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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