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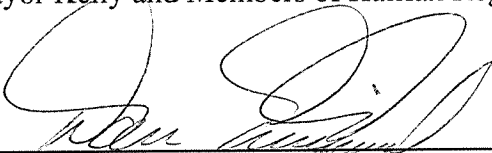


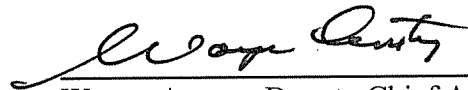
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**February 27, 2007**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

**DATE:** February 20, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Peggy's Cove Water and Sewer Servicing Options Evaluation and Preliminary Design Study - Additional PCAP Funding

**ORIGIN**

Regional Council Meeting September 12, 2007: Item 7.8, "Consultants Award of Engineering Study Peggy's Cove Water and Sewer Servicing Options Evaluation and Preliminary Design Study"

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Accept the offer of a one-time \$4,800 non-repayable contribution from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations available from the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP), as detailed in the attached letter dated February 8, 2007.
2. Approve an increase to the 2006/07 Approved Capital Budget in the amount of \$4,800 for capital project CSU00909, Peggy's Cove Water and Sewer Servicing Options Evaluation and Preliminary Design Study with funding from the Provincial Capital Assistance Program, as outlined in the Budget Implication section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the Regional Council meeting of September 12, 2007, Council approved the award of the Peggy's Cove Water and Sewer Servicing Options Evaluation and Preliminary Design Study to ABL Environmental. The purpose of this study is to examine solutions to the potential public health risks of malfunctioning septic systems and poor well water quality and quantity in the community, and to produce a design within the confines of challenging topography and geology. The design must also be aesthetically compatible with Peggy's Cove unique character.

On November 21, 2006 a meeting was held at Peggy's Cove to discuss how the study was progressing and some of the opportunities being considered. The meeting was attended by the Peggy's Cove Commission, staff from ABL Environmental, HRM and the Province of Nova Scotia. It was agreed by those attending the meeting that given the potential solutions available, and the various levels of impact the construction of each solution could have on the community, that it may be desirable to do a house-to-house survey to determine the nature and extent of failing septic systems, issues with existing wells, and community opinion regarding some servicing options. It was agreed that these findings would help direct the evaluation of servicing options and would lead to solutions that would better reflect the needs of the community.

Staff are in agreement that completing the house-to-house survey will yield useful information that will give the community a better opportunity to help direct the potential solutions.

## **DISCUSSION**

According to the Priority Rating Process approved by Council in 2005, service extension to un-serviced communities is a Priority 4 project and as such would not usually be considered for municipal funding. Therefore the costs to complete the house-to-house would not normally be funded by HRM. This situation was discussed with staff from the Province of Nova Scotia who indicated that the Province may be in a position to fund the survey; and that a letter from the Director of Environmental Management Services (EMS) would be sufficient for the province to consider the request further.

On January 12, 2007, the Acting Director of EMS wrote Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations requesting funding from the Provincial Capital Assistance Program in order to complete the house-to-house survey. On February 8, 2007, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations wrote back and agreed to fund the additional work. Copies of these letters are attached to this report.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Increase the 2006/07 Capital Budget in the amount of \$4,800 for capital project CSU00909, Peggy's Cove Water and Sewer Servicing Options Evaluation and Preliminary Design Study with funding coming from the Provincial Capital Assistance Program. The funding availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:

**Capital Account No. CSU00909**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$20,000
Add: Capital Budget Increase	<u>\$ 4,800</u>
Balance of Account	\$24,800

This project was originally estimated at \$25,000; with \$20,000 in funding from Account No. CGU00909, Peggy's Cove Water and Sewer Servicing Options Evaluation and Preliminary Design Study, and \$5000 in funding from Account No. CCV00672 - District 22 Capital Funds.

**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**

Council could choose to not accept the PCAP funding and not fund the house-to-house survey, which would mean that we are less likely to gather the opinion of the residents and perhaps find the optimum solution to the water and sewer issues in Peggy's Cove. Staff do not recommend this alternative.

**ATTACHMENTS**

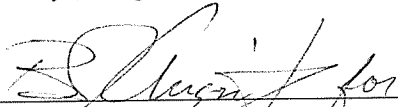
1. Letter of January 12, 2006 (should be dated January 12, 2007) to the Honourable Jamie Muir from Brad Anguish re: Additional Provincial Capital Assistant Program (PCAP) Funding - Peggy's Cove.
2. Letter of February 8, 2007 to Mayor Peter Kelly from Jamie Muir re: Study for Peggy's Cove Municipal Services - Request for Additional Funding.


**Peggy's Cove Water and Sewer Servicing Options Evaluation and Preliminary Design  
Study - Additional PCAP Funding  
Council Report**

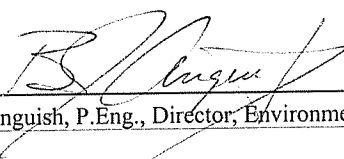
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January 12, 2006

Honourable Jamie Muir  
Minister of Service Nova Scotia  
and Municipal Relations  
P. O. Box 216  
Halifax, NS B3J 2M4

Dear Minister Muir:

**Re: Additional Provincial Capital Assistant Program (PCAP) Funding - Peggy's Cove, NS**

HRM is requesting an additional \$4,800 from the Provincial Capital Assistant Program (PCAP) in order to complete a supplementary house survey in Peggy's Cove.

Earlier this year the province provided funding from the PCAP fund to help develop a plan for the provision of water and sewer services to Peggy's Cove. The province provided \$20,000 through PCAP (up to a maximum of 80%) and Councillor Reg Rankin provided \$5,000 from the district capital funds. A consultant was hired at a cost of \$22,677 (including net HST), leaving a balance of \$2,323 remaining in the project account.

The study is progressing and a number of servicing options are currently being considered. However, the consultant was unable to find enough specific information regarding well and septic issues in the community and has recommended that a supplementary house survey be completed. The survey will provide information on the nature and extent of failing septic systems, issues with the existing area wells, and community opinion regarding servicing options. We believe these findings will help direct the evaluation of options and lead to solutions which would better reflect the needs of the community.

The consultant has recommended a budget of \$7,105 (including net HST) to complete the supplementary house survey. After deducting the funds remaining in the project account an additional \$4,800 is required to complete the survey. HRM is requesting that the province fund the shortfall from the PCAP. If this funding is provided, we are prepared to proceed with the survey within a couple of weeks.

Thank you for considering our request. If you require discussions with staff on any technical details related to our application, please contact Charles Lloyd, P.Eng., Senior Environmental Engineer of Environmental Engineering Services at 490-6942.

Respectfully,



for Brad Anguish, P.Eng., PMP, MBA  
Director, Environmental Management Services

Attachments:

Letter Re: Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) Report - Peggy's Cove, NS (dated February 14, 2006)

Letter Re: Peggy's Cove Services Plan -Request for Provincial Capital Assistance Program Funding (received April 7, 2006)

cc Councillor Reg Rankin, District 23, Hammonds Plains - St. Margarets  
Carl Yates, P.Eng., Halifax Regional Water Commission  
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Attachment 2

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FEB 08 2007

Mr. Peter Kelly  
Mayor  
Halifax Regional Municipality  
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Dear Mayor Kelly:

**Re: Study for Peggy's Cove Municipal Services - Request for Additional Funding**

I am writing in response to the recent letter from Brad Anguish, Director of Environmental Management Services for Halifax Regional Municipality, regarding the need for additional funding to undertake a supplementary house survey in Peggy's Cove.

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations will contribute a one time contribution to cover the cost of extra work related to the study for provision of water and sewer services for Peggy's Cove. The maximum contribution will be \$4,800 and will be made available from the Provincial Capital Assistance Program in fiscal year 2006/07. The home survey must be completed by March 31, 2007 and invoices for the work submitted to SNSMR as soon as possible following completion of the survey.

Please contact Aileen Waller-Hebb, Assistant Manager Infrastructure at (902) 424-7414 for details on the terms and conditions of this funding offer.

Yours truly,

Jamie Muir

cc Reg Rankin, Councillor District 23  
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