

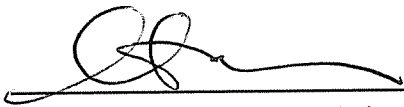


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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


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DATE: May 9, 2007

SUBJECT: Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Program Updates

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

HRM Regional Council/EMT has requested periodic updates on the status of Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Programs.

BACKGROUND

On October 4, 2000, the Canada - Nova Scotia Infrastructure Agreement was signed. With equal contributions from the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia and other partners including municipalities, the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program will represent a total investment of \$195 million over six years.

On November 24, 2005, the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund Agreement was signed. With equal contributions from the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia and other partners including municipalities, the Municipal Infrastructure Fund will represent a total investment of approximately \$111 million over seven years.

The primary focus of these Infrastructure Programs is "green" projects that will protect or enhance the quality of our environment, such as potable water, waste and wastewater systems and improved air quality. The secondary priorities include local transportation infrastructure, cultural and recreational facilities, affordable housing, remote and rural telecommunications links and high-speed Internet connections for public institutions.

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In addition to these programs, the Halifax Regional Municipality will receive funds through the Gas Tax Agreement and the Transit Funding Agreement. These agreements will be addressed in separate reports.

DISCUSSION

CANADA NOVA SCOTIA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (CNSIP)

CNSIP will be completed on March 31, 2008. By this date, it is expected that all work on projects within the program will be completed, with one additional year allowed to complete administrative requirements to formally close the projects.

At present, HRM is projecting to have approximately \$762,000 of CNSIP funding remaining after all work is completed on projects within the program. \$400,000 of this is committed to the Herring Cove Water and Sewer project (as approved by Council on February 20, 2007). The remaining funding needs to be reallocated to projects that are currently approved within this funding program. HRM does not have the option of adding a new or extended project to the program as the deadline for new projects or increased project scopes was December 31, 2005.

Staff is working with the Infrastructure Secretariat to ensure that all funds available to HRM through CNSIP are fully expended by the program deadline. Staff will return to Council with a report detailing a recommended reallocation.

Completed Projects

The following projects are complete and HRM has received final payment from CNSIP:

- North Preston Community Centre
- Beaver Bank Road Trunk Sewer Upgrade
- Beaver Bank Water, Phase IV, A
- Beaver Bank Sewer Services, Phase IV AB & C
- Beaver Bank Water, Phase IV BC
- Little Salmon River Water
- Maplewood Water, Phase I
- Miller Lake Water
- MacIntosh Run Sanitary Sewer Upgrade

The following projects are substantially complete and HRM is currently finalizing the administrative requirements to receive final payment:

- Prince's Lodge Water and Sewer
- Moser River Fire Station
- Harbour East Artificial Turf
- Highway 111 Interchange

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Beaver Bank Sewer Services, Phase IV DE
Beaver Bank Water Services, Phase IV DE
Maplewood Water, Phase II
Herring Cover Water and Sewer Phase 1A

Projects in Progress

Beaver Bank Reservoir is under construction with completion anticipated in July 2007. The project is currently under budget.

As presented to Council in a report on February 21, 2006, the Mainland Commons Recreation Facility is a \$14.5 million project. HRM has been approved for CNSIP funds of \$2.7 million. In light of the 2011 Canada Games FieldHouse legacy project, HRM is working to incorporate the planned Community Centre (aquatics and dryland facility) into the fieldhouse requirements.

MUNICIPAL RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (MRIF)

Completed Projects

None

Projects in Progress

North Preston Water and Sewer is currently on schedule and on budget. The work at the North Preston sewage treatment plant and Johnson Road Pumping Station is complete. The wastewater management plan will be completed by end of summer 2007. Halifax Regional Water Commission completed a pre-design report for the North Preston Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The report presented several alternatives to meet the required upgrades. HRWC staff are continuing to investigate and review the preferred option.

Fire Services Potable Water is in the very early stages. One well has been completed and the tender is currently under development for the assessments on the remaining wells.

Rural Broadband is currently on schedule. Staff is finalizing the contracts with the Internet Service Providers and anticipate project completion by December 31, 2007.

Lively Water and Sewer is on schedule. Tenders closed in February 2007 with the award pending Council approval. Staff anticipate bringing the first reading of the LIC by-law to Council in late May. Final reading of the by-law and the tender award would be brought to Regional Council approximately one month later.

East Dartmouth Recreation Centre is in the design refinement stage and anticipate going to tender in early June '07 with construction commencing in the Fall of '07.

District 2 Fall River (Gordon R. Snow Community Centre) Design 100% Complete. Tender has been issued with construction anticipated in the Fall of '07.

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Prospect Road and Area Community Centre: Tender awarded for Architectural Services.
Proceeding with Phase 1 of programming and skematic building and site design.

Letters of Offer were received at the end of April for the following projects:

Halifax Urban Green Way
Shubie Trail
Dartmouth Harbourfront Trail
Bedford Highway Bikeway Trail

Work will commence on these projects as per the project descriptions contained within the
Approved 2007/08 Capital Budget.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are currently no budget implications of this report. Based on current project budget estimates, there will be excess funds available withing HRM's total CNSIP allocation. Staff will return to Council with a recommendation once the exact savings in the completed projects has been determined. This will be a reallocation of capacity and must be done within the current list of approved CNSIP projects and adhere to the CNSIP contract.

MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY IMPACTS

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

None. Information only.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. CNSIP project list and status
- B. MRIF project list and status

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Attachment A
Canada Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program
Project List and Status

Project Name	Total Budget	Approved CNSIP	Projected Final Cost Mar 31/07	Project Variance	Projected CNSIP Mar 31/07	CNSIP Variance	Status
Completed Projects							
Little Salmon River	1,132,000	754,666	1,127,330	(4,670)	751,948	2718*	Project complete, final payment received
Maplewood Water, Phase I	450,000	277,977	416,925	(33,075)	277,977	0	Project complete, final payment received
Miller Lake Water	200,000	133,333	200,000	0	133,333	0	Project complete, final payment received
North Preston Community Centre	2,972,000	1,981,333	3,115,993	143,993	1,981,333	0	Project complete, received final payment
Moser River Fire Station	876,022	416,666	876,022	0	416,666	0	Project complete; proceeding with administrative requirements to close project.
Harbour East Artificial Turf	4,000,000	1,600,000	4,000,000	0	1,600,000	0	Project complete; proceeding with administrative requirements to close project.
MacIntosh Run - Sanitary Sewer Upgrade	1,000,000	517,477	739,552	(260,448)	493,035	24,442	Project complete; proceeding with administrative requirements to close project.
Maplewood Water, Phase II	615,000	410,000	643,000	28,000	410,000	0	Project complete; proceeding with administrative requirements to close project.
Prince's Lodge Water & Sewer	1,620,000	1,080,000	1,350,000	(270,000)	900,000	180,000	Project complete; proceeding with administrative requirements to close project.
Herring Cover Water and Sewer	3,706,200	2,470,800	3,706,200	0	2,470,800	0	Project complete; proceeding with administrative requirements to close project.
Highway 111/Woodside Connector	12,100,000	2,500,000	12,100,000	0	2,500,000	0	Project complete; proceeding with administrative requirements to close project.
Sub Total Completed Projects	28,671,222	12,142,252	28,275,022	(396,200)	11,935,092	207,160	
Projects in Progress							
Mainland Commons Rec Facility - Phase I	7,912,000	2,683,682	14,500,000	6,588,000	2,683,682	0	Project deadline has been extended to March 31, 2008.
Sub Total Projects in Progress	7,912,000	2,683,682	14,500,000	6,588,000	2,683,682	0	
Beaver Bank Group							
Beaver Bank Road Trunk Sewer Upgrade	750,000	500,000	749,796	(204)	496,439	3561*	Project complete, received final payment May 10/05
Beaver Bank Sewer - Phase IV AB & C	4,411,500	2,941,000	4,368,106	(43,394)	2,894,006	46994*	Project complete, received final payment Mar 6/06
Beaver Bank Water - Phase IV, BC	2,250,000	1,500,000	2,177,405	(72,595)	1,450,126	49874*	Project complete, awaiting final payment
Beaver Bank Water, Phase IV, A	428,200	285,467	426,250	(1,950)	284,138	1329*	Project complete, received final payment May 10/05
Beaver Bank Sewer Service - Phase IV, DE	3,492,650	2,328,433	3,300,000	(192,650)	2,200,000	128,433	Project complete, proceeding with administrative requirements to close project.
Beaver Bank Water Service - Phase IV, DE	2,717,650	1,811,767	2,550,000	(167,650)	1,700,000	145,100	Project complete, proceeding with administrative requirements to close project.
Beaver Bank Water Reservoir	3,000,000	2,000,000	2,693,292	(306,708)	1,795,528	180,000	Construction underway, completion in July 2007
Sub Total Beaver Bank Group	17,050,000	11,366,667	16,264,849	(785,151)	10,820,237	555,291	
Total CNSIP	53,633,222	26,192,601	59,039,871	5,406,649	25,439,011	762,451	

* These CNSIP variances have been confirmed by the CNSIP office. All other variances are estimates until the final claim has been processed by the CNSIP office.

Attachment B
Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund
Project List and Status

	Total Approved Budget	Approved MRIF	Projected Final Cost Mar 31/07	Project Variance	Projected MRIF Mar 31/07	MRIF Variance	Status
North Preston Water and Sewer	4,500,000	3,033,332	4,500,000	0	3,033,332	0	Sewer related work is complete; water related work is currently being evaluated.
Potable Water	500,000	333,000	500,000	0	333,000	0	One well completed; tender for remaining work is in development.
Rural Broadband	5,025,000	1,553,139	5,025,000	0	1,553,139	0	Finalizing contract with internet service providers.
Halifax Urban Greenway	880,000	600,000	880,000	0	600,000	0	MRIF contract signed with work to commence as per the 2007/08 Approved Capital Budget.
District 2 Recreation Centre	8,300,000	2,000,000	8,300,000	0	2,000,000	0	MRIF contract signed with work to commence as per the 2007/08 Approved Capital Budget.
Shubie Trail	450,000	257,000	450,000	0	257,000	0	MRIF contract signed with work to commence as per the 2007/08 Approved Capital Budget.
Prospect Recreation Centre	4,000,000	2,000,000	4,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	MRIF contract signed with work to commence as per the 2007/08 Approved Capital Budget.
Dartmouth Harbourfront	528,000	352,000	528,000	0	352,000	0	MRIF contract signed with work to commence as per the 2007/08 Approved Capital Budget.
Bedford Highway Bikeway Trail	352,000	235,000	352,000	0	235,000	0	MRIF contract signed with work to commence as per the 2007/08 Approved Capital Budget.
Transit Buses	1,350,000	0	1,350,000	0	0	0	App submitted; no response received. Other funding sources are available for Transit projects.
Lively Water and Sewer	6,450,000	2,878,600	6,900,000	450,000	2,878,600	0	Tender award pending Council approval; report to Council and LIC by-law within the next 2 - 3 weeks.
East Dartmouth Rec Centre	4,060,000	1,100,601	4,060,000	0	1,100,601	0	Tender anticipated in early June with construction to begin in Fall of '07.
Total MRIF	36,395,000	14,342,672	36,845,000	450,000	14,342,672	0	