



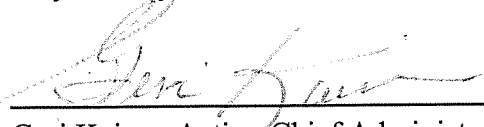
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**May 29, 2007**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Geri Kaiser, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** May 24, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **Purchase of Haworth Systems Furniture**

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**ORIGIN**

In 2006, the Province of Nova Scotia announced a Program to enhance municipal policing across the province. This Program is to be rolled out over a 4 year period and could see an additional 100 police officers (both HRP and RCMP) being employed. For the combined policing staff to be effective, it is recommended that all the investigative units work from a single location. The Province through this Program, will provide annually \$100,000 per officer. In the first year HRM will receive 32 officers, 22 for HRP and 10 for RCMP. This increase in capability creates increased spacial issues with HRP.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council approve the purchase of Haworth Systems Furniture from our current standing offer with MMP Office Interiors Inc. in the amount of \$321,227.00 (net HST included) with funding from Operating Account No. P316, as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Regional Council approved the leasing of 1874 Brunswick Street, formerly the Blue Cross Building to meet the operational requirement for HRP and the RCMP. This approval was contingent upon funding from the Province of Nova Scotia which was received on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with the passing of the Provincial Budget.

Minor tenant improvements and the procurement of the furnishings are required to meet the needs of the approximately 127 members of the combined Criminal Investigation Division.

## **DISCUSSION**

HRM has received firm pricing from MMP Office Interiors to supply and install the system furniture and related components in the amount of \$321,227.00 (net HST included). The pricing structure offered by MMP Office Interiors reflects a 67% discount off list price and is consistent with the discount structure currently in place with our Haworth System Furniture standing offer. To maintain the hiring schedule to have police officers in place as soon as possible, it is recommended that HRM proceed with this purchase from the current standing offer.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Funding will be available through cost centre P316 as a result of the MOU with the Province of Nova Scotia for enhanced municipal policing.

## **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.

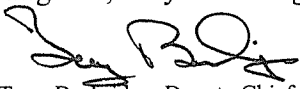
## **ALTERNATIVES**

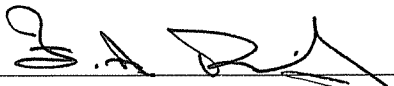
There are no recommended alternatives.

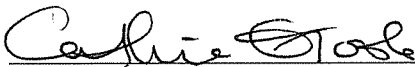
## **ATTACHMENTS**

N/A.

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