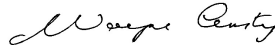


TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council



SUBMITTED BY:

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: May 1, 2009

SUBJECT: **Additional Advanced Funding for the 2009/10 Capital Budget- Streets and Roads, Sidewalks, and Curbs**

ORIGIN

This report originates from staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

1. Approve an additional amount of \$5,014,000 in advanced budget for Streets and Roads, and Sidewalk Capital Projects as listed in Attachment "A" of this report. The additional request will bring the advanced capital budget approval from 50% to approximately 75% of the total proposed budget for 09/10.
2. Approve the list of 2009/10 Streets and Roads Capital Projects as identified in Attachment "B" of this report which are to be funded from previously approved budgets.

BACKGROUND

On January 20, 2009 staff submitted an Information Report to Council that outlined a list of capital projects that were to be advanced funded pursuant to the Advanced Capital Project Funding Policy. With respect to the Streets and Roads, and Sidewalk projects many of those advanced funded projects have now been tendered. With an anticipated Capital Budget approval in June 2009 it is desirable to tender additional projects as soon as possible to ensure the work can be completed prior to the end of the 2009 construction season.

As well surplus funding exists from previously approved Streets and Roads paving accounts. The projects listed in these former accounts have either been completed or funds have been committed in order to complete. As a result surplus funding is available and has been moved forward to the 2009/10 Capital Budget. Staff wishes to utilize this funding to address the backlog of paving issues and has identified a list of streets for consideration.

DISCUSSION

As mentioned in the January 20, 2009 Information Report, Council approved a change in the process for addressing early approval of a portion of the Capital Budget by granting authority to the Capital Steering Committee to approve advanced funding where projects meet the criteria outlined in the Advanced Capital Project Funding Policy. Advanced capital funding approval allows HRM to:

1. Take advantage of lower tendered prices from contractors. Financial savings result from prices that are historically lower earlier in the the year.
2. Take advantage of the full summer construction period to implement projects which are sensitive to time and weather.
3. Tender projects which require a lengthy lead time to order equipment that will significantly delay the construction or implementation of services.

Advanced approval of the 09/10 capital budget, made in January 2009, represented no more than 50% of the capacity funding for each budget category approved in principle as part of the 2008-09 Capital Plan. However, staff in Design and Construction Services have tendered most of the initial advanced budgeted projects under the Streets and Roads and Sidewalk categories, and are in a position to tender work beyond the 50% level. With an anticipated Capital Budget approval in June 2009 there are several reasons to request additional advanced funding:

1. As the peak construction season arrives, HRM will be advertising a substantial amount of tenders (if no further advanced funding occurs) in a short period of time. This may result in fewer bids from the construction industry if the contractors have committed to other types of work.

2. Some proposed capital projects may be in jeopardy of being delayed until 2010 if the remaining 50% of the budget is not approved until June 2009.
3. Tendering projects during the peak construction season may result in higher tender prices. Tendering prior to the peak season may result in more favourable prices.

The projects listed in Attachment A of this report represent approximately an additional 25% of the total capacity funding (on top of the 50% already approved by Council) for each budget category approved in principle as part of the 2008-09 Capital Plan. If approved by Council staff will commence the normal public tendering process.

As outlined in the Background section of this report Attachment “B” represents a list of new paving projects that are to be funded from previously approved surplus budget. It is noted the surplus funding remains within the original budget category (i.e.; surplus funding from former paving renewal accounts will be utilized for 2009/10 paving renewal projects)

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The requested advanced budget amount of \$5,014,000 would be the second advanced budget approval for the upcoming 2009/10 Capital Budget. This will result in an increase to the approved advanced budget in the 4 capital projects listed in attachment “A”. All projects are funding through debt, capital from operating, or other broadly available funding sources.

As well Finance has confirmed available surplus funding for Streets and Roads (paving renewals and resurfacing) in the amounts \$1,195,000 and \$150,000 respectively to complete the capital projects identified on Attachment “B” of this report.

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.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment “A” - Additional Advanced Funding 2009/10 Capital Budget- Streets and Roads, Sidewalks, and Curbs
- Attachment “B” - Additional 2009/10 Streets and Roads Capital Projects from Surplus Funding

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Attachment "A"

Additional Advanced Funding 2009/10 Capital Budget- Streets and Roads, Sidewalks, and Curbs

The following projects form part of the Proposed 2009/10 Capital Budget.

Project #	Project Name	Initial Advance Funding (\$000)	Second Request (\$000)	Capital Plan (\$000)
ROADS & STREETS				
CZU01082	Resurfacing Program	5332	3865	12500
Subtotal Resurfacing Roads & Streets		5332	3865	12500
SIDEWALKS, CURBS & GUTTERS				
CJU01083	New Sidewalk	1250	510	2260
CKU01084	Sidewalk Renewals	1125	564	2250
CYU01076	Curb Renewals	300	75	618
Subtotal Sidewalks, Curbs & Gutters		2675	1149	5128
TOTAL		8007	5014	17628

Roads & Streets - Details

<u>Resurfacing</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Highland Ave (Leeds to Normandy)	11	\$105,000
Prince Albert Rd (Ochterloney St to Portland St)	5	\$340,000
Lady Hammond Rd (MacKintosh to High)	11	\$280,000
Oak St (Connaught to Oxford)	14	\$160,000
Spring Garden Rd (Summer to Carlton)	12	\$105,000
North Park St (Cogswell to Cunard)	12	\$145,000
Robie St (Jubilee Rd to Quinpool Rd)	13	\$120,000
Coburg Rd (Robie to Henry)	13	\$60,000
Windmill Rd (Fernhill Dr to Waddell Ave)	9	\$270,000
Woodlawn Rd (Portland St to Valleyfield Rd)	6	\$275,000
Old Sackville Rd (Beaver Bank Conn to Connolly Rd)	19	\$190,000
Kearney Lake Rd (Bedford Hwy to Dunbrack St)	16	\$165,000
Herring Cove Rd (Armdale Rotary to Purcell's Cove)	17	\$205,000
Pleasant St (Trunk 111 to Everette St)	8	\$175,000
Thin Overlays		<u>\$1,270,000</u>
Total		\$3,865,000

Sidewalks, Curbs & Gutters - Details

<u>New Sidewalk</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Prince St (Tilley Crt to Pinehill Dr)	20	\$110,000
Main Ave (Dunbrack St to Existing)	10/15	\$300,000
Caldwell Rd (Morris Lake To Astral Dr)	7	<u>\$100,000</u>

Total \$510,000

<u>Sidewalk Renewals</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Oak St (Beech to Oxford)	S/N	14	\$153,000
Oak St (Connaught to Elm)	S/N	14	\$143,000
Oak St (Elm to Beech)	S	14	\$39,000
Newton Ave (Quinpool to First)	W	14	\$37,000
Allan St (Oxford to Harvard)	N	14	\$36,000
Alderney Dr (Portland to Ochterloney)	W	5	\$100,000
Robie St (Cedar to Jubilee)	W	13	<u>\$56,000</u>

Total: \$564,000

Curb Renewal

Highland Ave (Leeds St to Normandy Dr) 11 \$75,000

Grand Total \$5,014,000

Attachment "B"

Additional 2009/10 Streets and Roads Capital Projects from Surplus Funding

<u>Paving Renewals</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
North Preston Rd (Johnson to Simmons)	3	\$100,000
Halfway Lake Dr (Longburn Dr to Micmac Dr (Civic 1))	23	\$210,000
Prince St (Tilley Crt to Pinehill Dr)	20	\$290,000
Highfield Park Dr (Victoria Rd to Joseph Young St)	9	\$300,000
Rufus Ave (Alex St to Hillcrest St)	15	<u>\$295,000</u>
Total		\$1,195,000
 <u>Resurfacing</u>		
North St (Dublin to Windsor)	14	\$150,000