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Item No. 10.1.2
Halifax Regional Council
September 22, 2009

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: September 2, 2009

SUBJECT: **Capital Health Cost Shared Funding - Tender No. 08-211 Robie Street
Improvements**

ORIGIN

Staff

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. accept the cost shared funding from Capital Health in the amount of \$166,826 (HST included) and allocate these funds as indicated under the Budget Implications section of this report, and,
2. approve an increase to the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No. CTU01086, Intersection Improvement Projects, in the amount of 147,634 (net of HST) with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect cost sharing as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

In 2005, staff met with Capital Health representatives to discuss traffic related issues at their various sites. One concern raised was that at the Halifax Infirmary there was no southbound left turn holding lane for the main entrance to the parkade thus creating the potential for rear end collisions. Staff prepared a concept plan including cost estimates for the proposed left turn lane which was presented to Capital Health at a subsequent meeting, but they decided that the project was cost prohibitive.

The approved 2007/08 and 2008/09 Capital Budgets included funds for the pavement resurfacing, sidewalk renewal, curb renewal, and intersection improvements of Robie Street, between Cunard Street and Jubilee Road. Staff notified Capital Health representatives that this project was proceeding in the near future and that it would be an opportunity to construct the left turn holding lane at a reduced cost because it would be done in conjunction with other capital work. After numerous discussions it was agreed that the costs associated with this work be shared equally between the two parties. Staff determined that this was a reasonable arrangement because the holding lane would reduce the potential for rear end collisions and significantly improve the through vehicular capacity along this section of Robie Street.

DISCUSSION

On February 28, 2008, Regional Council awarded Tender No. 08-211 which included the construction of the left turn holding lane on Robie Street at the Halifax Infirmary driveway. Construction began in May 2008 and was completed in the fall. On March 31, 2009, an invoice in the amount of \$166,826 was submitted to Capital Health for their portion of the costs and funds were remitted to HRM shortly thereafter.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The project was funded under CTU01086, Intersection Improvement Projects. The cost sharing funding received would be used to cover Capital Health's share of costs for Robie Street Improvements, there is no change to the net budget. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	Capital Account No. CTU01086 - Intersection Improvement Projects	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 551,480.51
	Plus: Cost Sharing from Capital Health	\$ 147,634.00
	Balance	\$ 699,114.51

The balance of funds will be used for other intersection improvement projects.

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 report will increase the gross capital budget but not the net.

ALTERNATIVES

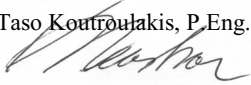
None.

ATTACHMENTS


Letter dated March 27, 2009, from Bill LeVangie, Capital Health confirming the cost share arrangement.

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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March 27, 2009

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Senior Traffic Operations Engineer
Halifax Regional Municipality
Traffic & Right-of-Way Services

Re: Cost Sharing – Robie Street Modifications

Dear Mr. Koutroulakis:

This is to confirm our agreement regarding our portion of cost sharing for modifications to the Robie Street construction project.

We agree, based on the 50/50 cost share agreement, our portion of the cost is \$147,634.00 plus HST. We understand this includes the cost of painting the intersection box in front of our driveway.

Trusting this is the info you require.

Regards,

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