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**Item No. 3**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**November 30, 2010**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**December 7, 2010**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** Original Signed by Director  
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Ken Reashor, P.Eng., Director, Transportation and Public Works

**DATE:** November 26, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Update – Dartmouth Bridge Terminal Project

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### **INFORMATION REPORT**

#### **ORIGIN**

This report originates from staff.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Tenders for the Dartmouth Bridge Terminal project were publicly opened on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Submissions were received from two proponents, Pomerleau and Dexter Construction. Both tender prices received exceeded the budget allocated to the project. As a result, staff could not bring forward a recommendation to Regional Council to award the tender.

**DISCUSSION**

It was reported in the media that the tender prices received were approximately \$13.4 million. However, these reports were erroneous as they included the full HST burden rather than the net HST paid by HRM. As a result, the actual tender prices received for the Bridge Terminal project were approximately \$12.1 million including net HST.

Since the original tender package opening, staff has been working with the project consultants to revise the terminal design in order to reduce the overall project scope to within a range of \$8.0 to \$9.0 million to fit within Metro Transit's capital budget appropriation. The revised scope will then be presented to the two original bidders who will be asked to revise their original bids accordingly.

It is expected that the revised scope will be distributed to the proponents in mid-January and that the revised tenders will be submitted to HRM by early February. Staff will then review the revised tenders and prepare a recommendation to Regional Council. It is expected that this recommendation will be brought forward to Regional Council in early March.

Once the tender is approved by Regional Council, site preparation work can begin in short order as the first phases of site preparation are not dependant on the typical construction season in HRM.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Project and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

N/A

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