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Halifax Regional Council
January 18, 2011

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Department of Justice - Cost Shared Funding Electronic Ticketing

ORIGIN

Staff

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Accept the cost shared funding from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$350,000; and
2. Approve an increase to the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No.CIP00763, Computer Aided Dispatch, in the amount of \$350,000, funded from Police Cost Centre P240 – SOTS with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect cost sharing as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Electronic ticketing is defined as a process by which a Summary Offence Ticket is produced electronically, a copy printed and issues to the accused and the data is transferred electronically to the Halifax Regional Police and Halifax District RCMP Records Management System, Versaterm, and the Department of Justice System, JEIN. The basic business objective of the Halifax Regional Police (HRP) ESOT Project is to leverage technology to issue Summary Offence Tickets electronically and streamline SOT processes.

In the current process, the five-part Summary Offence Tickets are completed 100% by hand which can lead to errors and illegible information. Issuing SOTS electronically will require less time than issuing paper SOTS. This will increase officer productivity and result in the officer having more time for law enforcement. Also, officer and public safety will be improved as there will be less time spent roadside while issuing a ticket.

DISCUSSION

The E-SOTS project is a Provincial project which was initiated by HRM. The Province had earmarked funds for this project and has transferred these funds to HRM for disbursement. HRM is recommending using the Computer Aided Dispatch capital project to allocate the funds. This project was created to deal with any new technical solutions resulting from Versaterm.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$706,000. There will be offsetting revenue (more tickets issued), reduction in overtime/court time, reduction of part time SOT data entry clerks, and a reduction in tickets being quashed due to illegibility, which will offset this cost. At this point it is estimated the benefits could range between \$400,000 and \$1,100,000 annually, however, until the system is completely rolled out and functional the actual impact is not known with certainty. Future years may yield additional revenue. The first phase, Officer Scheduling, is expected to be operational on April 1, 2011, with the remainder of the project by the end of the calendar year.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Budget Summary:	Capital Account No.CIP00763, Computer Aided Dispatch
	Cumulative Unspent Budget \$ 909,621
	Plus: Cost Sharing from Dept. of Justice \$ 350,000
	\$1,259,621

The balance of funds will be used for other CAD related 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.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community consultation is not required.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives as E-Sots was approved as part of the CAD/RMS project and cost sharing has already been received and accepted from the Department of Justice.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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