

Item No. 6
Halifax Regional Council
July 5, 2011

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by Director

Phillip Townsend, Director, Infrastructure & Asset Management

DATE: June 30, 2011

SUBJECT: Tender No. 10-188 - Dartmouth Transit Terminal

INFORMATION REPORT

- Approved 2006/2007 Capital Budget Account No. CB200428, Transit Terminals Upgrades & Expansions
- Approved 2011/2012 Project Budget

BACKGROUND

Metro Transit has developed a Five Year Plan which includes construction of a new transit terminal. The current Bridge Terminal was constructed in 1996, has outgrown its capacity and the replacement is identified as a Metro Transit priority.

DISCUSSION

On June 10, 2010, in a memo from the CAO, Council was advised that the schedule for this project estimated an August 16, 2010, award of the work, with a commencement of construction at the first of September. Staff is attempting to accelerate this schedule. However, there are still two outstanding issues related to the awarding of the tender.

First, HRM has received only a verbal acceptance in principle to the Slate Management Plan from the Department of Environment. Written approval of the full plan is pending. Full approval would have no financial impact. Second, HRM Development Engineers, as part of the building permit process, have requested an improvement to the storm water design that would better control surface water flow during severe weather conditions (heavy rain).

Upon successful resolution of these issues, staff will proceed in accordance with the appropriate Procurement policy to award this work. Potentially, that award could take place as a CAO Interim Award during the upcoming Council break.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications in this report.

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

Public Information sessions were held relative to the creation of the Dartmouth Common Master Plan and presentations were made on February 3, 2011, at Harbour East Community Council (HECC), from which HECC brought back a motion to Council on February 8, 2011, for staff to proceed with Option 1 as presented and originally tendered.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments.

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