
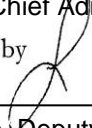


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Halifax Regional Council
February 24, 2015

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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DATE: February 15, 2015

SUBJECT: Advanced Funding Approval for the Proposed 2015/16 Capital Budget

ORIGIN

This report originates from the Approved 2014-15 Project Budget and the preliminary 2015-16 Capital Budget.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Charter, section 93(1) – The Council shall make estimates of the sums that are required by the Municipality for the fiscal year; Halifax Charter, section 79(1) – Specifies areas that the Council may expend money required by the Municipality.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

Approve advanced capital funding to project account CR990002, Municipal Operations State of Good Repair, for 2015/16 in the amount of \$2,100,000 as per the Financial Implications of this report.

BACKGROUND

Early approval of project CR990002, Municipal Operations – State of Good Repair, is desirable as it enables staff to tender items on a timely basis, in advance of the peak construction season. This account includes activities such as: concrete sidewalks, drainage projects, bridges, guiderails, retaining walls and concrete curbs.

DISCUSSION

The present timing of the approval of HRM's Capital Program Budget reduces staff's ability to take advantage of early year tendering. This is significant for three reasons:

1. Being able to take advantage of historically lower tendered prices from contractors for projects tendered early in the year;
2. Being able to make full use of the peak construction period to implement projects which are sensitive to time and weather;
3. Being able to tender projects that require longer lead time to order customized material; reducing or eliminating delays in construction.

Advanced approval of Project CR990002, Municipal Operations – State of Good Repair, will address the above issues and enable staff to get a much earlier start on tendering, contract awards and carrying out the necessary work. The project is of a high priority nature based on existing infrastructure conditions and is of a seasonal nature making an early start advantageous.

The normal public tendering process will still apply to this project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The requested advanced funding amount is \$2,100,000 for Project CR990002, Municipal Operations – State of Good Repair, and, if approved, will become part of the approved 2015/16 Capital Budget. The funding source for this project will be debt or Capital from Operating.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There is no community engagement associated with this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVES

Delay the recommendation and defer to the approval of the 2015/16 Capital Budget. This is not recommended for the reasons outlined in the body of the report.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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