

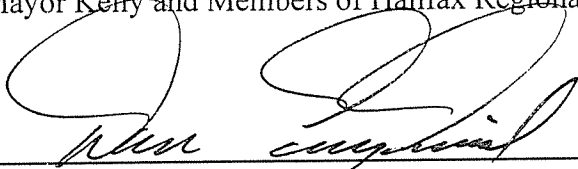
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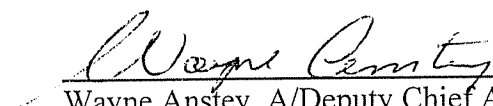


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Halifax Regional Council
September 6, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: 
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DATE: August 26, 2005

SUBJECT: Emergency Mobile Radios - Sole Source Purchase

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

ORIGIN

The emergency response units of Halifax Regional Municipality have migrated to the Trunked Mobile Radio (TMR) system. The migration has involved the upgrade of user equipment and infrastructure for both police and fire. The migration has been taking place over the past three years.

The TMR system allows for a high degree of interoperability between emergency services both within and outside of HRM. As a result of the migration, Council has approved capital monies to fund the initiatives. The Halifax Regional Police have migrated to a digital platform. Council approved the migration and initial purchase of both mobile and portable radios for the Halifax Regional Police Service.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council authorize the sole source purchase from Aliant Telecom/Mobility to provide Integrated Emergency Services with new digital radios and system integration, in the amount of \$98,419 including net HST from Capital Account No. CHA00160, Trunked Mobile Radio System, (TMR) in the Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget, with funding authorized as per the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Halifax Regional Police (HRP) upgraded their TMR platform from an analog platform to a digital platform during the last year. When Council approved the HRP digital purchase there were sixty (60) mobile radios approved for purchase from Aliant. This number did not include sufficient mobiles to adequately equip the primary dispatch centre and the back-up dispatch centre with the new digital platform, nor did it include the requirements of Emergency Measures. In addition, there is a request for additional units for the police to serve as hot back-ups and equip new vehicles.

The price quoted by Aliant for the supply and installation of the mobiles is \$95,156 plus HST.

DISCUSSION

The total number of radios requested is twenty (20). The radios would be supplied by Aliant as they are a sole source and the radios must be compatible with the TMR system. These requested funds are all in direct support of the TMR Project and would serve to augment operations.

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Total Price (Including net HST)</u>
Aliant Telecom/Mobility	\$98,418.90

This equipment is being purchased under the "sole source purchase section 7.8.1" of the Procurement Policy which states:

"Where the compatibility of a purchase with existing equipment, facilities or service is a paramount consideration and the purchase must be made from a single source."

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on the quoted price of \$95,156, plus net HST for a total cost of \$98,419, funding is available in the Approved 2004/05 Capital Budget from Capital account No. CHA00160, Vehicle Tracking and Communication. The costs of air time and other associated costs have been included in the Approved 2005/06 Operating Account No. N731, Core Fire & EMO and A450, Integrated Emergency Services. The availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	<u>Capital Account No. Vehicle Tracking and Communication</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$2,448,423
	Less: Radio Purchase	<u>\$ 98,419</u>
	Uncommitted Budget	\$2,350,004

The remaining funds from this account are required to implement the AVL/Non-emergency Radio Project.

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.

ALTERNATIVES

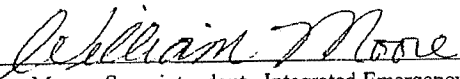
There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS


None.

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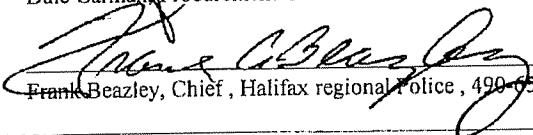
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