

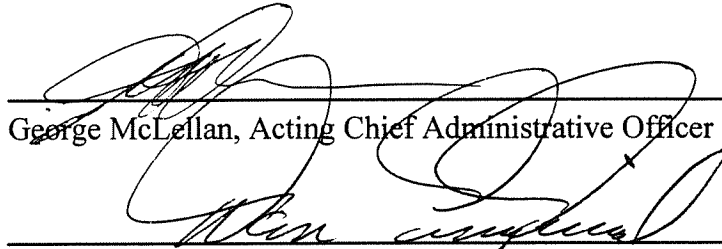
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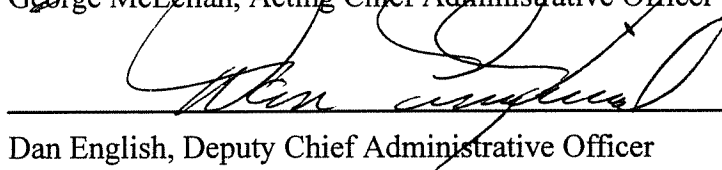
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January 8, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Acting Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: December 12, 2001

SUBJECT: Advanced Funding Approval Proposed 2002/03 Roads & Sidewalks
Capital Budget - Public Works and Transportation Services

ORIGIN

This report originates from staff.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council provide advanced funding approval of the proposed 2002/03 Capital Roads & Sidewalk Budget for Public Works and Transportation Services in the amount of \$6,500,000. as outlined within the attached Schedule "A" and as per the Discussion and Budget Implications sections of this report.

BACKGROUND

Early approval of the proposed Capital Budget has always been a desirable goal of staff that would ensure an earlier start on project implementation as relates to design, land acquisitions where required, utility and regulatory approvals - all of which translates into a more timely tendering of projects. Thus, the purpose of this report to Council.

DISCUSSION

The present timing of the approval of HRM's Capital Budget - generally March/April, becomes a hindrance in staff's ability to take advantage of early year tendering of projects which is significant for two reasons:

1. not being able to take advantage of lower tendered prices from contractors which historically is the case with those projects tendered in the early period of the year.
2. not being able to take full advantage of the peak summer construction period of the year to implement projects which are sensitive to time and weather such as those of an environmental nature requiring the dry summer season of the year or those within school zone areas where implementation and completion become desirable during the summer school break.

Achieving advanced approval of a portion of the proposed Capital Budget would address those issues and improve significantly staff's ability to get a much earlier jump on project design, tendering, contract awards and start of construction. Staff's proposal for advanced funding approval of a portion of the proposed 2002/03 Capital Budget would be similar to the same practice that is in place with the Provincial level of government.

Projects to be considered for this advanced approval would be those of a regular repair or maintenance nature. The projects listed on the attached Schedule "A" fall into this category. They

- include those approved untendered Paving Renewal and Resurfacing projects carried over from the 2001/02 Capital Budget that require refunding,
- are of a high priority nature based on existing infrastructure conditions,
- are critical due to the timing and coordination with other capital projects,
- are of a seasonal nature making early construction advantageous.

All projects listed on the attached Schedule "A" are presently included in the proposed 2002/03 Capital Budget. The normal public tendering process followed with Council's approval of the contract award would still apply.

Advanced Funding Approval Amount Requested:

Staff is requesting advanced funding approval in the amount of \$6,500,000. which approximates 50% of the approved 2001/02 debt funding for Roads & Sidewalks.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The requested advanced funding amount of \$6,500,000. would be the first charge against the upcoming of 2002/03 Capital Budget.

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

Delay this recommendation and defer the approval of the entire Capital Budget to February/March of 2002. The consequences of this deferral would place HRM in the same position as in previous years in regards to the lateness of implementing the approved Capital Budget.

ATTACHMENT

Advanced Capital Project Listing Schedule "A."

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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Schedule "A"

**Advanced Capital Budget Listing 2002/03
Public Works & Transportation Services
Road & Sidewalk Projects**

The following project listing is taken from the Proposed 2002/03 Capital Budget for Public Works & Transportation Services. These projects represent the initial implementation of the proposed 2002/03 Capital Program for Roads & Sidewalks.

<u>Carryover from 2001/02: (Refunding)</u>				<u>Projected tender date</u>
Highland Cres - Hugh Allen to Estelle:	District 4	Paving Renewal	150,000	February
Wallace Street - Windmill to end	District 9	Paving Renewal	250,000	February
Watt Street - Preston to Henry:	District 13	Paving Renewal	215,000	January
Evans Avenue - Titus to Ford:	District 15	Paving Renewal	120,000	January
Aspen Cres - Sycamore to Riverside	District 20	Paving Renewal	220,000	February
Holland Ave - Bedford Hwy to High:	District 21	Paving Renewal	200,000	February
Codroy Ave/Cres	District 4	Resurfacing	110,000	January
Bissett Road - Cole Hbr Rd to civic 65	District 5	Resurfacing	230,000	January
Johnstone Ave - Pleasant to Cameron	District 8	Resurfacing	430,000	January
Fairview Overpass - Kempt to Bed. Hwy	District 11	Resurfacing	245,000	January
Almon Street - Windsor to Robie	District 11	Resurfacing	260,000	January
Belmont Ave - Crestfield to Woodlyn	District 22	Resurfacing	150,000	February
Bridge Repairs	Various		60,000	February
Sub-total			\$2,640,000	
<u>From Proposed 2002/03 Capital Budget Program:</u>				
<u>Road Projects</u>				
Holland Ave - High to end	District 21	Paving Renewal	280,000	February
Bayer's Rd - Oxford to Dublin	District 11	Resurfacing	100,000	February
Robie St - Jubilee to SGR	District 13	Resurfacing	267,000	February
Prince Albert Rd - Portland to Ochterloney	District 10	Resurfacing	225,000	February
Trunk 7 - Lake Major to Salmon River brdg	District 4	Resurfacing	220,000	February
Surface Sealing	Various		900,000	February
Main Artery Patching	Various		800,000	February
Sub-total			\$2,792,000	
<u>Sidewalks</u>				
Romans Ave - Cook to vaughn (E)	District 14	Renewal	50,000	February
Prince Albert Rd - Eaton to Elliot(S)	District 10	Renewal	25,000	February
Acadia St - Roome to end (E)	District 11	Renewal	28,000	February
South St - Robie to Dal Coop (S)	District 13	Renewal	72,000	February
Bayer's Rd - Joseph Howe to DVR (S)	District 15	Renewal	25,000	February
Lacewood Drive (S)	District 16	New s/w	100,000	February
Bedford Hwy - Nelson's Landing to Pine(S)	District 21	New s/w	250,000	February
Purcell's Cove Rd - HCR to Braeburn (W)	District 17	New s/w	130,000	February
Cow Bay Rd - Heritage Hills to Samuel (E)	District 5	New s/w	345,000	February
Sub-total			\$ 1,025,000	
Total advanced budget requirement:			\$ 6,457,000	