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Halifax Regional Council  
April 23, 2002

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**



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George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** April 15th, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Quotation # 2002M677 - 45 Single Box Modems and 45 Dual Mode Antenna for AVL/GPS System.

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**ORIGIN**

Quotations were requested from qualified firms to supply modems and antenna for the Automatic Vehicle Location System(AVL) for use within the Halifax Regional Police Service.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council approve an increase to Capital Account CIP00760, Automatic Vehicle Location System (AVL), in the amount of \$2,962.78 with funding to be provided by a transfer from operating account P105-6204.
2. Regional Council authorize the purchase of forty-five(45) modems and antenna for the Halifax Regional Police Service from the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Bwireless Communications Inc. at a cost of \$82,711.30(tax included) with funding from account CIP00760 as outlined in the Budget Implications section of this report

**Note: All prices include the non-refundable portion of the HST.**

**BACKGROUND**

A total of three(3) companies responded to the request for quotation::

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Amount of Bid (tax included)</u>
Bwireless Communications Inc.	\$82,711.30 *
Sierra Wireless Inc.	\$92,984.36
Wade Company Limited	\$100,096.47

\* *Recommended Bidder*

**DISCUSSION**

This project is an add on enhancement of the CDPD laptop project implemented in 1999-2000. This system will allow the dispatchers and police supervisors in "Real Time" to locate the police units on a regional wide basis for more efficient deployment of resources. This system will also further increase our officer safety threshold as a risk management tool.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

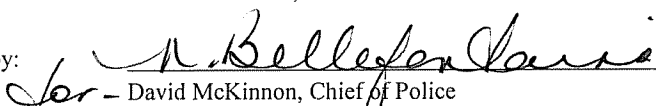

Funds available in the 2000/2001 capital budget in account # CIP00760 titled Automatic Vehicle Location System(AVL) (Available budget \$79,748.52) (gross budget \$125,000). Balance of \$2,962.78 to be taken from the Halifax Regional Police operating account # P105-6204 titled Computer Software and Licence.

**MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve 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 to this course of action.

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