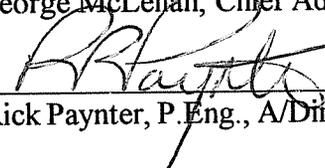

Halifax Regional Council
May 7, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Rick Paynter, P. Eng., A/Director, Public Works & Transportation Services

DATE: May 1, 2002

SUBJECT: Finalization of Costs - Tender No. 00-287, Bi-Hi Ramps to Joseph
Howe Drive

ORIGIN

This report originates from staff.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve an increase in Capital Account No. CTU00028, Highway 102 Ramps to Joseph Howe Drive, in the amount of \$180,982. These funds are available as a withdrawal from Account No. CRESPOOL as outlined within the Budget Implications Sections of this report.

BACKGROUND

In a report to Halifax Regional Council dated October 10, 2000, Tender No. 00-287, Bi-Hi Ramps to Joseph Howe Drive was awarded to Ocean Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$1,087,059.35 and for a Total Project Cost of \$1,250,118.

Staff is now in receipt of all final costs applicable to the construction of this project and a budget adjustment is required to enable the final closure of this contract.

DISCUSSION

Following contract award on October 10, 2000, Ocean Contractors Ltd., as directed by staff, implemented the construction of this project with the objective of completing all works necessary to capitalize on the full cost-sharing of \$850,000. that had been approved by the Province and which had to be claimed prior to March 31, 2001. That was achieved. However, completion of the remaining contract was delayed throughout most of the summer/early fall of 2001 awaiting CN to complete their design and installation of the signalized components associated with the grade crossing at the intersection. The intersection was finally completed in late December 2001 and officially opened for traffic on Saturday, January 5, 2002.

The final tabulation of construction costs from O'Halloran Campbell Consultants, Project Managers for HRM on this project, has been received and reviewed by staff. These costs and other components of the final project cost are as follows:

Contract 00-287 Budget Allocation and final Construction Cost Outline

	Present Budget	Final Costs
Initial design & pre-tender expenditures:	\$ 79,939.	
Construction - HRM:	1,250,118.	\$1,432,254.
Construction - CN:	200,000.	333,047.
Contract Management - O'Halloran:	65,000.	71,000.
Land Acquisition:	250,000.	215,793.
Total:	<u>\$1,845,057.</u>	<u>\$2,052,094.</u>

Based on the above-noted final costs and in order to close Contract 00-287, it is necessary to increase the budget for this project from \$1,845,057. to \$2,052,094., an increase of \$207,037.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The above outline of final project costs as compared to the approved budget indicates a budget shortfall of \$207,037. to finalize and close this contract. There is presently an uncommitted balance of \$26,055. remaining in Capital Account CTU00028, thus requiring additional funds in the amount of \$180,982. Staff is recommending that a transfer of \$180,982. be approved from Account CRESPOOL to Capital Account CTU00028. This use of CRESPOOL funds meets the criteria for the use of the Capital Pool Fund as per the Capital Pool Procedures Report dated May 8, 2001 and approved by Council on May 15, 2001 as confirmed by staff of Finance.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipalities 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.

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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