
Halifax Regional Council
July 9, 2002

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 25th, 2002

SUBJECT: Quotation # 2002M746 - 580 Pagers for the Halifax Regional Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service.

ORIGIN

Quotations were requested from qualified firms to supply pagers for use within the Halifax Regional Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council authorize the purchase of 580 Motorola Minitor IV pagers for the Halifax Regional Volunteer Fire and Emergency Service from the lowest bidder meeting specifications, Nova Communications at a per unit cost of \$431.04(tax included) for a total cost of \$250,003.20(tax included) with funding from account CHA00160 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 four(4) companies received quotations with two(2) responding.

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Amount of Bid (tax included)</u>
Nova Communications	\$250,003.20 *
* <i>Recommended Bidder</i>	

Note: A second bid received from Axis Mobility Ltd. did not meet the pager standard established by the Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service.

DISCUSSION

The purchase of pagers for the Volunteer Firefighters are in keeping with HRM's objective to consolidate Fire Dispatching Services. They are necessary in preparation for the new radio and paging system for the Rural Fire Service due to the reduction and reallocation of frequencies.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funds available in the 1999/2000 capital budget in account # CHA00160 titled Radio Communications. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

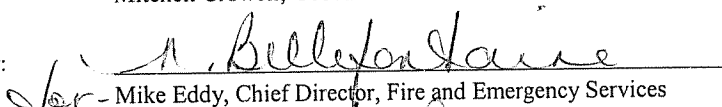
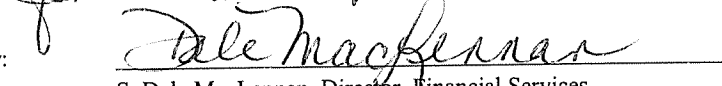
Budget Summary	Account No. CHA00160, Radio Communications	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$430,035.66
	Less: Quotation # 2002M746	<u>\$250,003.20</u>
		\$180,032.46

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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