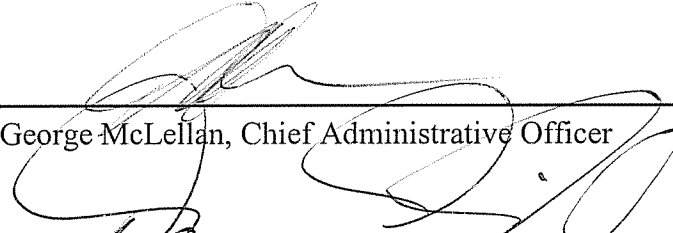
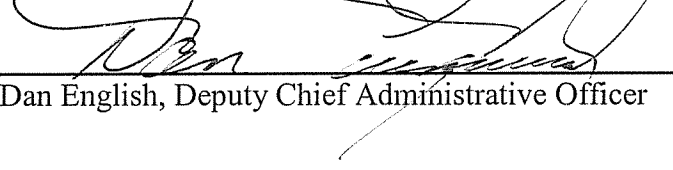


Halifax Regional Council  
November 19, 2002

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** November 13, 2002

**SUBJECT:** **CRESPOOL Transfer to Account CBR00724 Ferry Terminals  
Pontoon Protection**

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**ORIGIN**

The 2002/03 capital Budget identified \$85,000 in account CBR00724 Ferry Terminals Pontoon Protection

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council approve an increase to capital account CBR00724 Ferry Terminals Pontoon Protection in the amount of \$21,053.34 to cover costs of unforeseen additional work in tender 2000M723 with funding to be provided by a transfer from CRESPOOL; and
2. Regional Council approve an increase to purchase order 2070119400 to Duron Atlantic to cover additional costs as detailed in the Discussion section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The floating pontoons at the Halifax and Dartmouth Ferry Terminals create the docking area for the ferries. As such their maintenance is an integral part of HRM's ferry service delivery. Being of steel construction and floating in a salt water environment the pontoons are exposed to extremes of corrosion and abrasion and regular painting of the pontoons is required. The Woodside Ferry Terminal pontoons were painted in 2001 and a tender 2002M723 was awarded by Regional Council on June 11, 2002 for similar work to be carried out at the Dartmouth and Halifax Ferry Terminals. Prior to this the repainting had not been carried out since amalgamation. With smaller scale regular maintenance it is anticipated that the work in this contract has a life expectancy of 5 years or more.

## **DISCUSSION**

The pontoon painting at the Woodside Ferry Terminal in 2001 was carried out successfully and no unforeseen work was encountered. The budget figure for the Dartmouth and Halifax Ferry Terminals repainting program was based on this project. As work proceeded on the Dartmouth and Halifax Ferry Terminal pontoons two areas of concern were identified. As the previous coating was removed extensive corrosion of structural steel members was discovered and had to be repaired. Additionally, when the wooden bumpers were removed they were found to be rotting from behind and cannot be reinstated. The structural steel repairs were quoted by several firms and the work awarded to the low bidder Duron Atlantic for a net cost of \$13,400. It is estimated that additional work on the pontoons will cost approximately \$27,000. A final number cannot be determined until all the bumpers and existing coatings have been removed.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Budget Summary</b>	<b>Project CBR00724 Ferry Terminals Pontoon Protection</b>
Original Budget	85,000.00
Consulting Services	-1,660.29
Tender 2002M723 - Duron Atlantic	-62,793.11
Structural Steel Repairs - Duron Atlantic	-13,400.00
Miscellaneous Repairs and Testing	-1,199.94
Cumulative Unspent Budget	5,946.66
Anticipated Extra Costs	-27,000.00
Required funding from CRESPOOL	21,053.34

CRESPOOL balance currently is \$309,960.

The availability of funds has been confirmed by Financial Services.

This project meets the criteria for use of the CAPITAL POOL funds as per the CAPITAL POOL procedures Report, dated May 8, 2001 and approved by Council May 14, 2001.

### **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**

Council can choose to not approve the transfer of funds from CRESPOOL to account CBR00724. This is **not** the recommended alternative and would result in compromised ferry service and possible damage to the ferries.

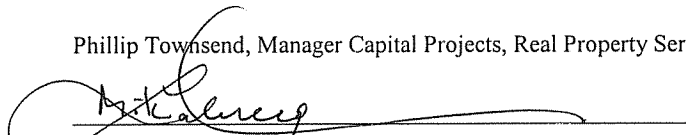
### **ATTACHMENTS**

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