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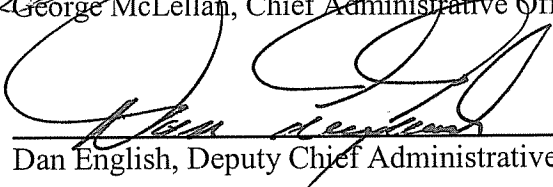
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Halifax Regional Council
September 23, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


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DATE: September 16, 2003

SUBJECT: Capital Budget Increase Bicentennial Theatre - Musquodoboit
Capital Account CBG00300

ORIGIN

Approved Capital Budget 2003/04 , Account CBG00300 - Bicentennial Theatre Repairs.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account CBG00300, Repairs to Bicentennial Theatre - Musquodoboit, by \$185,000 as per the Budget Implications portion of this report.

BACKGROUND

As a result of a building assessment prepared in June of 2001 by Architect David Garrett, for Recreation Culture and Heritage, \$131,000.00 was approved in the 2002/03 Capital Budget to address repairs required to maintain the building's structural integrity. An additional \$45,000.00 was approved in HRM's 2003/04 capital budget to cover the additional cost related to window installation and an anticipated budget shortfall. Real Property and Asset Management completed documents for tender in the spring of 2003.

DISCUSSION

Tenders for the above noted renovations have been awarded through HRM's Interim Award Policy. A tender sum of \$170,831.31 (including taxes) has been awarded to Blunden Construction and this work is currently underway.

The Board of Bicentennial Theatre applied for additional funding from ACOA using the following amounts as HRM's contribution:

Renovation Budget	\$176,000.00
<u>Gill Restoration (Capital Account CBG00508)</u>	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>
<i>Total HRM Funding</i>	<i>\$216,000.00</i>

An announcement approving funding by ACOA was made on May 27th, 2003.
 Additional outside funding sources include:

ACOA	\$215,000.00
Grant from the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission	\$ 20,000.00
Councillor Steve Streach's contribution	\$ 10,000.00
<u>Community Fundraising</u>	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
<i>Total Outside Funding</i>	<i>\$275,000.00</i>

These funding sources will provide capital for additional work required at the Theatre as follows:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Description of Work included in the \$185,000.00</i>	<i>Estimate</i>
1.	Tender for the supply and installation of new sound and light system. The specifications for this have been developed by the Board in conjunction with experts in this area.	\$105,000.00.

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2.	Upgrading the Electrical service to the building to accommodate the new sound and light systems as well as future improvements required in the kitchen area. The installation of 3-Phase Power to the building and upgrading the Electrical Room to Code standards.	\$ 20,000.00
3.	Design and installation of a new Ventilation System to be installed to provide better conditions to preserve the newly restored Gill Painting.	\$ 20,000.00.
4.	Professional fees & Contingencies for the design of the above systems and the current construction project.	\$ 40,000.00.
Total		\$185,000.00

\$275,000.00 Total Outside Funding
 - 90,000.00 - Amount to be retained by the Board for the purchase of the seats.
\$185,000.00 - Amount to be transferred to Capital Account CBG00300

As this is an HRM owned building, the Board would like to take advantage of the HRM Tax rebate which will allow them to maximize the Grant money and make improvements to the building that they otherwise might not afford. The Board of the Bicentennial Theatre would like HRM's assistance in tendering the additional planned work. To do this, the budget must be increased by the cost sharing funding available. All work is scheduled to be done this fall. The Board of the Bicentennial Theatre will be looking after the purchasing of the seats for the Theatre and therefore, that portion of the funding (\$90,000.00) will not be transferred to HRM's budget. With Council's approval, the balance of the funds will be transferred to account CBG00300.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget of Capital Account Number CBG00300, Bicentennial Theatre Repairs, in the amount of \$185,000.00 to reflect a portion of the cost sharing from ACOA, Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation, Councillor's contribution and Community Fundraising will not affect the net 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.

REGIONAL PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

There are no regional planning implications associated with this tender.

ALTERNATIVES

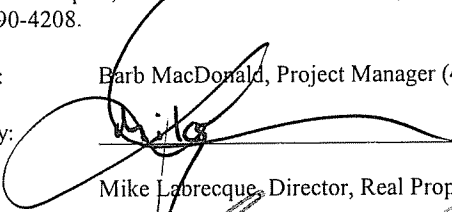
Council may choose not to increase the Capital Budget for these projects. This would require that the Board of the Bicentennial Theatre manage the preparation of tender documents and do the tendering of the work using their own forces. This would result in coordination problems, delays, and additional costs. This is **not** the recommended alternative.

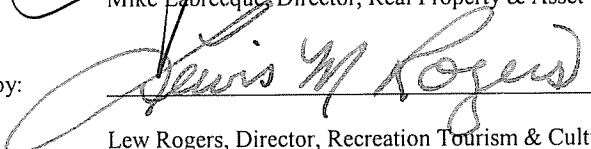
ATTACHMENTS

None

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