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Item No. 14.1.7
Halifax Regional Council
October 17, 2017

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed by 

SUBMITTED BY:

Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: September 25, 2017

SUBJECT: **Lease Amendment, 50 Garland Ave., Halifax Regional Police Leased Accommodations**

ORIGIN

This report originates with the pending lease expiry of Halifax Regional Police (HRP) leased space at 10 Thornhill Drive.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Under the HRM Charter, Section 79, Halifax Regional Council may expend money for municipal purposes. The recommended action complies with charter section 61(5) a. The Municipality may acquire property, including property outside of the Municipality, which the Municipality requires for its purposes or for the use of the public.

Pursuant to HRM Charter, Section 111(5), the Municipality requires Ministerial approval to enter into a commitment to pay money extending beyond the current fiscal year where the total commitment exceeds \$500,000.

In accordance with Administrative Order 2016-005-ADM Procurement, Council can approve the amendment of contracts that are in the best interests of the Municipality for any amount.

This report complies with the Transaction Policy, as approved by Regional Council on October 8, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a lease amendment as outlined in Table 1 and the Financial Implications section of the Private and Confidential Information Report dated September 25, 2017, subject to approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs.
2. It is further recommended to not release the Private & Confidential Information Report dated September 25, 2017 to the public until the transaction has been completed.

BACKGROUND

The Halifax Regional Municipality is committed to providing cost effective, high quality police services to its residents. Inherent in this goal is the provision of appropriate and economical accommodations for policing programs and staff. The Municipality intends to consolidate several existing police program offices located within the metro area to a more centralized alternate location to enhance its current service delivery.

In 2016, an evaluation of HRP's current accommodations and operational requirements identified a need for alternate premises. RFP P16-052 was issued to procure the required space and subsequently awarded to Dream Industrial for the new leased premises located at 50 Garland Avenue.

Subsequent to the award of RFP P16-052, HRP identified an operational requirement to co-locate the CIU/TSU section with the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) at 50 Garland Avenue.

DISCUSSION

The proposed relocation of the Criminal Intelligence Unit / Technical Services Unit (CIU/TSU) section to 50 Garland will allow all CID sections to be in one location creating operational and administrative efficiencies.

The space at HRP headquarters that will be vacated by CIU/TSU will be occupied by the Strategic Technology Integration Unit (STIU). Further efficiencies will be achieved by this move including the termination of the 10 Thornhill leased premises where STIU currently resides, as well as closer proximity to fleet services and the HRP server room housing technology that STIU supports.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

See Private and Confidential Information Report dated September 25, 2017.

RISK CONSIDERATION

No significant risks identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no known negative environmental implications.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Regional Council could require that HRP remain in their current leased premises. This is not recommended as the existing premises no longer meet operational requirements.

ATTACHMENTS

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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