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Item No. 14.3.1 (i)
Halifax Regional Council
October 30, 2018

TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Original Signed

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Bill Karsten, Chair, Audit & Finance Standing Committee

DATE: October 18, 2018

SUBJECT: **Case #H00464 - Request for additional financial assistance for St. Paul's Church, 1749 Argyle Street, Halifax**

ORIGIN

October 17, 2018 meeting of the Audit & Finance Standing Committee, Item No. 12.4.1.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 8(c) of the Standing Committee's Terms of Reference:

'The Audit and Finance Standing Committee shall review and make recommendations on proposals coming to the Council outside of the annual budget or tender process including proposed changes in any operating or project budget items'.

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit and Finance Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve the following, conditional upon i) the execution of an amendment to the Heritage Agreement with the Parish of St. Paul's dated November 24, 2017 and its registration at the Land Registry Office, and ii) the execution of a Contribution Agreement with the Government of Canada:

1. The provision of in-kind financial assistance of a value up to but not exceeding \$150,000, with a net municipal project cost up to but not exceeding \$75,000, to the Parish of St. Paul's for the continued restoration of a portion of the perimeter ironstone wall and cast iron fencing surrounding St. Paul's Church in accordance with the Heritage Agreement dated November 24, 2017 and the proposed amendments thereto, with funding as outlined in the Financial Implications section of this report;

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2. A budget increase of \$150,000 to Project Account No. CR000008 – St. Paul's Church Wall Restoration, funded 50% by cost sharing with the Parks Canada National Cost Sharing Program for Heritage Places and 50% by funding from the General Contingency Reserve (Q421);
3. An unbudgeted withdrawal of \$75,000 from the General Contingency Reserve (Q421) to the project budget to fund the net municipal cost of the financial assistance;
4. The expansion of the scope of work, in the 2018/19 fiscal year to allow for the restoration of additional portions of the ironstone wall and cast iron fencing, providing that the net municipal project cost does not exceed \$75,000, and to authorize any necessary amendments to the Heritage Agreement to reflect the expanded scope of work; and
5. Increase Purchase Order #2070780659 for Schooner Excavation Limited in the amount of \$112,229 (net HST included) for the replacement of 25 feet of additional wall. This is a cumulative increase of 41.50% of the original Purchase Order Value.

BACKGROUND

A staff report dated August 23, 2018 pertaining to a request for additional financial assistance for St. Paul's Church, 1749 Argyle Street, Halifax was before the Audit & Finance Standing Committee for consideration at its meeting held on October 17, 2018.

For further information, please refer to the staff report dated August 23, 2018.

DISCUSSION

The Audit & Finance Standing Committee considered the August 23, 2018 staff report and forwarded the recommendation to Halifax Regional Council as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are addressed in the staff report dated August 23, 2018.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Risk consideration is outlined in the staff report dated August 23, 2018.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Audit & Finance Standing Committee meetings are open to public attendance, a live webcast is provided of the meeting, and members of the public are invited to address the Committee for up to five minutes at the end of each meeting during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. The agenda, reports, minutes, and meeting video of the Audit & Finance Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES

The Audit & Finance Standing Committee did not discuss alternative recommendations. Alternatives are outlined in the staff report dated August 23, 2018.

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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