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Kenda MacKenzie, P.Eng.
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Dear Ms. MacKenzie:

M11966 - Halifax Regional Water Commission - Mill Cove WWTF Expansion & Upgrade - \$11,970,000 (ATO)

Halifax Water applied on November 8, 2024, to proceed with the delivery of the Mill Cove WWTF Expansion and Upgrade project using a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) approach. As part of developing the procurement strategies report and the recommendation to proceed with a CMAR approach, Halifax Water is revising the original funding request from \$10,000,000 to \$11,970,000. The current funding request is for design services and a Construction Management at Risk allowance during the design phase.

Halifax Water states this increase reflects a \$2 million allowance for a Construction Manager team. The procurement of the Construction Manager will be done through a competitive public procurement process. The design development contingency has also been reduced from 30% to 20% due to improved collaboration between the design and construction manager expected as part of this project delivery methodology.

The panel assigned to this matter is Roland A. Deveau, K.C., Vice Chair; Steven M. Murphy, MBA, P.Eng, Member; and Jennifer L. Nicholson, CPA, CA, Member.

This request is related to the Board's prior approval in Matter M11606 dated July 11, 2024. The Board has determined it will allow Information Requests (IRs) to Halifax Water and input by parties by way of a paper hearing process and the following timetable will apply:

Notices of Intervention
IRs issued to Halifax Water
Halifax Water responses to IRs
Submissions from Interested Parties,
including Board Counsel Consultants
Reply Submission by Halifax Water

Friday, January 17, 2024
Friday, January 24, 2024
Friday, February 14, 2024

Friday, March 7, 2024
Friday, March 21, 2024

If Halifax Water requests to issue IRs to Board Counsel Consultants, the timeline may be extended. The Clerk of the Board is to provide a copy of this letter to the parties in Matter M11606 and post it to the Board's website. The Consumer Advocate continues to have standing in this matter as an intervenor.

Parties are reminded that the Board's *Regulatory Rules* will apply to this application, including *Rule 7(3)* with respect to filing by **2:00 p.m.** on any date a document is due.

Yours truly,

Pamela McGarrigle

Pamela McGarrigle
Clerk of the Board

c. William Mahody, K.C., Board Counsel
Interested Parties M11606