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TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
 Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **REGIONAL RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM -
CONTRACT EXTENSION**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development and Council approve a contract extension to Kevin B. Nauss and Associates, Kanata, to provide engineering contract co-ordination and system design services in the amount of \$150,000, bringing the total contract provision up to \$500,000.

BACKGROUND

The Corporate Radio System was activated on 01 January 1998 when some 700 Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police (OCRPS) radios began operating in analogue mode. Later in 1998 approximately 700 RMOC users were added to the system.

On 02 June 1998, Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee authorized the award of a contract to Kevin Nauss and Associates to provide engineering services, contract co-ordination and system design services in the amount of \$350,000.

In late 1999, the migration to the digital format, an essential component for police security, was completed.

Although the system is operating, we have not completed Final Acceptance. A system adjustment is underway, and is necessary because of some changes in the technology of the Ericsson system.

These changes will require design review, installation, acceptance testing and project co-ordination, in addition to the other duties associated with the completion of this project. It should be noted that these changes have to be performed on a “live” system, that cannot be down for any length of time.

CONSULTATION

The public consultation process is not applicable.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

Given the critical nature of the system re-design, completion of the total project and the steep learning curve involved, it is recommended that the appointment of Kevin Nauss and Associates be confirmed to ensure project continuity and system reliability. This contract extension for Kevin Nauss and Associates is based on past performance, detailed knowledge, experience and the ability to provide continued expertise within the same contractual terms, conditions and rates.

Supply Management have reviewed and consider the per diem rates provided by Kevin B. Nauss and Associates to be fair, competitive and of good value to the Region.

It had been the intent to staff positions for the ongoing management of the Radio System. This would not be prudent at this time during the transition to the new City of Ottawa. However, this consulting firm’s expertise will be extremely beneficial as we migrate to one city. There will be a requirement to review all the radio systems in place throughout the Region and to consider some measure of integration. This will require detailed knowledge of the current system.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| Approved Budget to Date | 20,900,000 |
| Total Paid & Committed | <u>(18,337,423)</u> |
| Balance Available | 2,562,577 |
| THIS REQUEST | <u>(150,000)</u> |
| Balance Remaining | <u><u>2,412,577</u></u> |

Funds are available in the 2000 Capital Budget, Order No. 900019, Regional Communication System (Reference Page 466), Purchase Order No. 45001492, Purchase Requisition No. 10043034.

*Approved by
M.J.E. Sheflin, P.Eng.*

HM/lv

SUPPLY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

I concur,

*Approved by Glen Ford
On behalf of the Finance Commissioner*