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Harbour East–Marine Drive Community Council
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TO: Chair and Members of Harbour East-Marine Drive Community Council

SUBMITTED BY: *Original signed*

Brad Anguish, Director, Community & Recreation Services

DATE: August 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Splash Pad Eastern Region

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

July 14, 2014 Harbour East–Marine Drive Community Council motion that, “a staff report be requested regarding the possible installation of a splash pad for the Eastern Region”.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, Section 79 (1); The Council may expend money required by the Municipality on (k) Recreation programs, (x) lands and buildings required for a municipal purpose.

BACKGROUND

The 2008 CFMP did not include splash/spray parks as part of a comprehensive review of HRM recreational facility requirements. Individual splash/spray parks have been approved in the past by Regional Council for construction however; they were accessed on an individual basis versus an overall comprehensive review.

Current locations for splash/spray pads in HRM include:

1. George Dixon Recreation Centre;
2. Halifax Commons;
3. Isleville Street;
4. Westmount School Playground; and
5. Kinsmen Park, Lower Sackville.

DISCUSSION

In the June 24, 2014 Information Report titled Community Facility Master Plan Review (CFMP2) submitted to Regional Council, staff outlined the scope and process to be undertaken to complete a review of HRM recreational facility requirements.

The CFMP2 will include the development of criteria which can be used to provide strategic direction and recommendations related to the development, replacement and rationalization of playgrounds, tennis courts, skate board facilities, lawn bowling facilities and spray parks.

Public consultation and analysis will take place as part of the CFMP 2 review to provide Regional Council with appropriate information and best practices from which to consider future recommendations regarding provision of recreational facilities including spray and splash parks.

Staff currently anticipate the final report (CFMP2) will be provided to Regional Council in Fall 2015.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable at this time.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Extensive public consultation will take place as part of the Community Facility Master Plan update.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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