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**Western Region Community Council  
June 26, 2006**

**TO:** Members of the Western Region Community Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Mike Labrecque, Director Transportation & Public Works Services

**DATE:** May 17, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Item # 12.4 - Playground - Beechville Estates

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**INFORMATION REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

March 24, 2006, Western Region Community Council, Item # 12.4 - Playground Beechville Estates

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

At the March 24, 2006, Western Region Community Council, Councillor Meade submitted a request for the development of a new playground to be located at 166 States Lane, Beechville Estates.

Staff wishes to advise that this request was received after the 2006/07 capital budget submission and therefore will be added to the parks capital project request list for consideration for funding in 2007/08 capital budget process.

Historically, staff receives requests for capital project development throughout the year from various sources such as community groups, development agreements, Councillors, staff. When these requests are received they are added to the list of capital projects request for consideration for funding in the annual budget process.

During this budget process all project requests are reviewed by staff and are prioritized based on community need, leverage financing, history of request, corporate priority, district priority, community participation, public safety.

It should be noted that one of the most important factors in new playground development is the involvement of the community. As Beechville Estates is a relatively new community and currently does not have a resident/recreation association, staff would be willing to meet with those residents making this request to explain the project development process and assist in getting a community group organized.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The development of any capital project is contingent upon funding approval in the capital budget, or it could also be consider for funding by Councillors through the Building Community Funds or District Capital Funds.

### **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

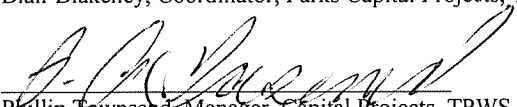
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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