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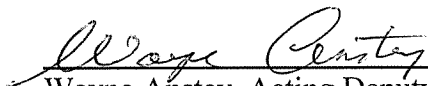
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**October 11, 2005**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Wayne Anstey, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** September 6, 2005

**SUBJECT:** **Capital Budget Increase - Cost Sharing**  
**1. Lake Echo Community Park Development**  
**2. Westmount Inclusive Playground**  
**3. Bissett Lake Estate (Brookview Drive)**  
**4. Michael Wallace Community Playground**

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## **ORIGIN**

In accordance with the Multi-Year Financial Strategy, any increases to the capital budget must be approved by Council.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT HRM :**

1. Approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No.CPC00677- New Playground Development by \$115,500, with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect the cost sharing as per the Background section of this report.
2. Approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No.CP300559- Playground Upgrades and Replacements by \$47,000, with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect the cost sharing as per the Background section of this report.

**BACKGROUND**

During the capital budget process staff identifies and incorporates all known cost sharing opportunities into the budget for Council approval. However, every year additional opportunities become apparent after budget approval from various sources. Some of these sources include such organizations as the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission (Recreation Facilities Capital Grant Program), community groups, corporate sponsorship, development agreements, and school parent groups.

The table below outlines the projects, funding sources and the capital budget account numbers impacted by the requested increase.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Capital Account #</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Budget Increase</b>
Lake Echo Community Park Development	CPC00677- New Playground Development	Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation (Facility Development Program)	\$15,000.00
Westmount Inclusive Playground	CPC00677- New Playground Development	Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation (Facility Development Program)	\$67,500.00
		Westmount School Association	\$500.00
		Westmount School	\$10,000
Bissett Lake Estate (Brookview Drive)	CPC00677- New Playground Development	Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation (Facility Development Program)	\$22,500
Michael Wallace Community Playground	CP3000559 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements	Michael Wallace Playground Project Committee	\$47,000
<b>Recap of budget increases to each Capital Account:</b> CPC00677 - New Playground Development - \$115,500.00 CP300559 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements - \$47,000.00			

**DISCUSSION**

Under the Multi-Year Financial Strategy, when additional funding is received for a project, after approval of the capital budget, staff is required to obtain Council's approval to increase the capital budget.

## Capital Budget Increase

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### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget by \$162,500, as outlined in the Background section of this report will result in no change to the Net Budget. The cost share funding as outlined in this report will allow the projects to proceed as per the project design. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

#### Budget Summary:

##### Account No. CPC00677 New Playground Development

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 26,727
Plus: Cost Sharing	<u>\$115,500</u>
	\$142,227

#### Budget Summary:

##### Account No. CP300559 Playground Upgrades and Replacements

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$112,362
Plus: Cost Sharing	<u>\$ 47,000</u>
	\$159,862

### 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. If approved, this will increase 2005/06 Capital Budget, with no change to the net budget.

### ALTERNATIVES

There are no reasonable alternatives to the recommendation.

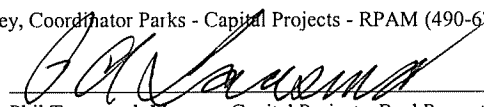
### ATTACHMENTS

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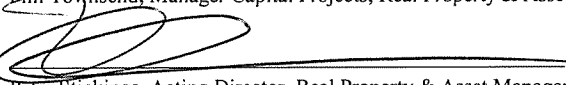
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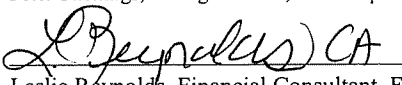
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