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

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: July 11, 2006

SUBJECT: Capital Budget Increase - Multi Projects

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 Halifax Regional Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget by \$331,473.85, with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect additional funding secured for the following projects, Joseph Giles Elementary School Playground, Ryan Rosen Soccer Field, Monarch/Rivendale Park and Playground, Bedford South Playground, Russell Lake Playground, Victoria Park, Auburn/John Stewart Community Park and Ecole Bois-Joli Community Playground, as outlined in the Background section of this report.

BACKGROUND

During the capital budget process staff identifies and incorporates all known funding 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.

When additional funding is received, after the approval of the capital budget, staff is required to obtain Council's approval for any increases to the Capital Budget, in accordance with the Multi Year Financial Strategy. The table below outlines the projects, funding sources and the capital budget account numbers impacted by the requested increase.

Project Name	Capital Account #	Funding Source	Budget Increase
Joseph Giles Elementary School Playground	CP300850- Playground Upgrades & Replacement	Joseph Giles Parent Teacher Organization	\$7,650.00
Ryan Rosen Soccer Field	CPC00289 - Three Soccer Field Upgrades District 2 (Res # 332)	Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation	\$24,898.85
Monarch/Rivendale Park and Playground	CP300845 - New Park Development (Res # 1050 Line 1)	Monarch Rivendale Community Association	\$17,000.00
		Monarch Estates Development Agreement Account R#01-42079	\$31,925.00
		Development Agreement (To be received)	\$10,000.00
		Nova Scotia Health Promotion, Recreation Facility Development Grant	\$20,000.00
Bedford South Playground	CP300845 - New Park Development	Bedford South Development Agreement Clayton Developments	\$45,000.00
Russell Lake Playground	CP300845 - New Park Development	Russell Lake West Development Agreement Clayton Developments	\$20,000.00

Budget Summary: CP300845 New Park Development
Cumulative Unspent Budget \$350,000.00
Plus: Additional Funds \$214,925.00
Plus: Res 1050 Item #1 & 3 \$ 76,539.26
New Balance: CP300845 \$641,464.26

Budget Summary: CP300849 Park Upgrades
Cumulative Unspent Budget \$ 56,000.01
Plus: Additional Funds \$ 21,000.00
Plus: Res 1049 Item # 9 \$ 20,000.00
New Balance CP300849 \$ 97,000.01

Budget Summary: CP300846 New Playground Development
Cumulative Unspent Budget \$ 83,000.00
Plus: Additional Funds \$ 63,000.00
Plus: Res 1042 Line # 4 \$ 15,000.00
New balance CB300846 \$161,000.00

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating 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 the 2006/07 Gross Capital Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

Council not approve the increase to the Capital Budget. This is not recommended by staff.


ATTACHMENTS

No attachments

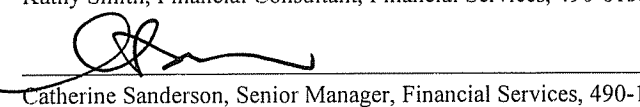
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