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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**December 13, 2005**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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Wayne Anstey, Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** December 6, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Release of Funds - Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Fund

### **ORIGIN**

The Springfield Lake Recreation Association, which manages the Weir Field in Sackville on behalf of the HRM is requesting up to \$15,000 from the Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Q124 to replace and upgrade amenities of the artificial surface.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. approve the creation of a new capital project CP300\*\*\*, Weir Field Upgrades, to be funded from the Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Q124.
2. approve an increase in the newly created capital project, CP300\*\*\* Weir Field Upgrades, in the amount of \$15,000 from the Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Q124 to cover the cost of capital maintenance and other related expenditures for this asset as outlined in the Discussion section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 13, 2003, the Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Fund was implemented to provide a financial vehicle for the saving of funds to offset the costs of future upgrading, repairs, or replacement of the artificial turf field and amenities at the Weir Field in Upper Sackville. The field and facilities are currently managed by the Springfield Lake Recreation Association, through a management agreement with the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The source of funding for this reserve should be seventy five percent (75%) of all user fees from the artificial turf facilities located at the Weir Field in Upper Sackville. These funds are transferred by the Association to HRM on a quarterly basis.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Reserve is primarily intended to provide some funding for the replacement and upgrading of the artificial surface on the Weir Property. The expected time frame for field upgrading or replacement is 10 to 12 years. To date the Reserve has accumulated \$161,221 after 6 years of operation.

Funds from this Reserve should eventually be available to either fully or partially offset the replacement or upgrading of amenities of the artificial surfaces. The cost of replacement has been estimated at \$450,000 to \$500,000.

To ensure the integrity of the facility, Springfield Lake Recreation Association has: groomed and relined the field; upgraded the lighting system; and installed netting around the field. The total cost of this work was \$12,170. The Association also intends to groom the field and upgrade the lighting system again in 2006/ 2007 for a total capital project cost of \$15,000 (including net HST).

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Funds are available in the Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Fund, Q124.

### **Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Fund Q124**

Cumulative Unspent Balance	\$161,221
Less: budget increase to CP300***	
Weir Field Upgrades	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
<b>Uncommitted Budget</b>	<b>\$146,221</b>

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

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This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating budget, 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 05/06 Capital budget and increase the amount of withdrawals from Reserves.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None

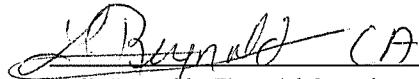
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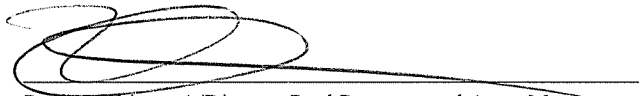
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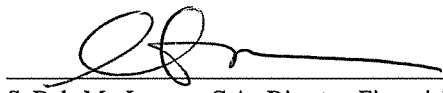
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