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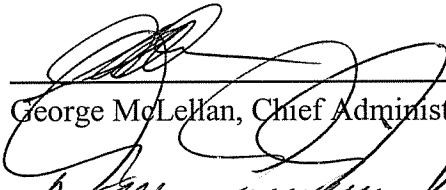
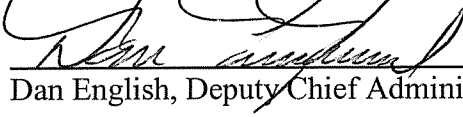


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Halifax Regional Council
July 5, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: June 24, 2005

SUBJECT: **Capital Budget Increase - Cost Sharing**
1. Auburn Drive Community Park Development
2. D.J. Butler Community Park Development

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 :

1. Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No.CPC00676- New Park Development, by \$22,500.00, with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect the cost sharing as per the Background section of this report.
2. Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to capital Account No. CP300559- Playground Upgrades and Replacement, by \$24,000.00, with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect the cost sharing as per the Background section of this report.

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BACKGROUND

Auburn Drive Community Park located on the parcel located at the corner of John Stewart Drive and Auburn Drive, Cole Harbour. This parcel of land was transferred to the Municipality from the Nova Scotia Housing Commission in 2004, as parkland value for their residential development in Cole Harbour. Of the total 17,563.60 square metre of parkland, 6084 square metres can be developed into a community park. The balance of the land is a semi wooded wetland.

The development of the project will be a phased approach and will address the needs of all segments of the population, from toddlers to seniors, and will be accessible. The development program includes: a toddler and a 5 to 12 playground, teen structures, an asphalt hockey pad, an accessible on grade playground, an adult park rest and activity area, and park furniture. Vegetation will include shade trees, shrubbery and perennial borders. All activity centres are linked by a path system.

The first phase of the development will include the grading, path, drainage, sodding and asphalt pad construction, and is scheduled to start beginning of September 2005.

The Cole Harbour Community Park Development Committee was set-up in 2004/05 specially to support the development and fund raising of the park. It is now actively working at fundraising and organizing volunteer site work for the first and second phase of the project.

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| Cost sharing: | 1. Nova Scotia Sports and Recreation Grant Program - | \$20,000.00 |
| | 2. Cole Harbour Community Park Development Committee - | <u>\$ 2,500.00</u> |
| | | \$22,500.00 |

The D.J. Butler Baseball Field, located on Flamingo Drive in Rockingham, was decommissioned for baseball play as it no longer met the service the needs. It has now been redesigned to address the needs for a community park. In addition to the existing tennis and basketball facility, the park will house activity centres for all ages and will be a minimum 40% accessible. The development program includes playgrounds for toddlers and 5 to 12 years old, teen corner activity, free play grassed area, sliding hill, adult and senior activity and rest centre, path system to link all activity centres, shade trees and shrubbery.

This project will be completed in a phased approach and will include the construction of the path system, site preparation for accessible play structures, park furniture, installation of a toddler playground, park furniture including the all accessible park furniture, shade trees.

The Rockingham Residents' Association spearheaded the project at the end of 2004, through fund raising, working closely with the Councillor and parkland staff on the development program.

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| Cost Sharing: 1. Kinsmen Club of Halifax - | \$15,000.00 |
| 2. Rockingham Residents' Association - | \$ 8,000.00 |
| 3. Donation of Mrs Marilyn Hustins - | \$ 1,000.00 |
| | \$24,000.00 |

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.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget of Capital Account No. CPC00676 - New Park Development in the amount of \$22,500.00, to reflect the cost sharing commitment as per the Background section of this report, will not change the Net Budget. This cost sharing will allow for an installation of the asphalt pad at the Auburn Drive Community Park.

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget of Capital Account No. CP300559 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements, in the amount of \$24,000.00, to reflect the cost sharing commitment as outlined in the Background section of this report, will not change the Net Budget. This cost sharing will allowing for the installation of the accessible park furniture and path systems a the D.J. Butler Community Park.

Budget Summary:

Account No. CPC00676 New Park Development

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| Cumulative Unspent Budget | \$ 287,398 |
| Plus: Cost Sharing | \$ 22,500 |
| Less: Auburn Drive Park | \$ 72,500 |
| | \$ 237,398 |

Account No. CP300559 Playground Upgrades & Replacement

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| Cumulative Unspent Budget | \$576,842 |
| Plus: Cost Sharing | \$ 24,000 |
| Less: D.J. Butler | \$ 79,000 |
| | \$521,842 |

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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 the 2005/06 Capital Budget.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no reasonable alternatives to the recommendation.

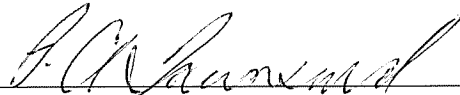
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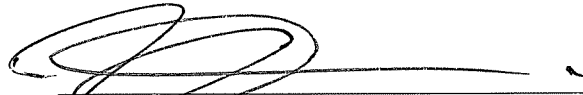
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