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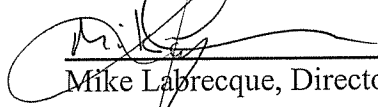
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Halifax Regional Council
July 15, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


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DATE: July 8, 2003

SUBJECT: Capital Budget Increase - Cost Sharing
Tantallon Village/Murray Drive and Ian Forysth School

ORIGIN

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, any increases to the capital budget must be approved by Council.

Increases are being requested for:

1. Approved Capital Budget 2002/03, Account # CPC00677 - New Playground Development
2. Approved Capital Budget 2003/04, Account # CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that :

1. Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No. CPC00677, New Playground Development (Tantallon Village/Murray Drive) by \$15,000, with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect the cost sharing from Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission-Recreation Facilities Development Grant as per the Background section of this report.
2. Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget of Capital Account No. CPC00303, Playgrounds Upgrades & Replacements by \$48,000, with no change in the Net Budget, to reflect the combined cost sharing from Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission - Recreation Facilities Development Grant and the Ian Forysth School Playground Committee as per the Background section of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Tantallon Village/Murray Drive project was approved for \$50,000 in the 2002/03 Capital Budget under Account # CPC00677 - New Playground Development. However, at the time of budget submission the potential of realizing the cost sharing was not apparent. However, an application was submitted to, and was approved, by the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission under the Recreation Facilities Capital Grant Program in the amount of \$15,000.

The Ian Forsyth School project was approved for \$75,000 in the 2003/04 Capital Budget under Account # CPC00303 - Playgrounds Upgrades & Replacement. The funding at the time included a commitment of \$40,000 cost sharing from the Ian Forsyth School Community Playground Committee and \$5,000 from District 6 District Capital. Since that time the Committee has secured additional funding in the amount of \$48,000 towards this project.

Throughout the design and development process of the Ian Forsyth School project, the Ian Forsyth School Playground Committee has and continues to play a key role in partnership with the Municipality in bringing this recreational opportunity to the area.

DISCUSSION

Currently, the work on these projects are in different stages of the development process, but both can be implemented this year, pending Council approval.

The Tantallon Village/Murray Drive project is currently being tendered. The additional funding from the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission has allowed for an expansion to the scope of the project.

The first phase of the Ian Forsyth School project has been completed. Phase Two of the project is currently being tendered. The additional funding from the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission and the Ian Forsyth School Playground Committee has allowed for an expansion to the scope of the project.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget of Capital Account No. CPC00677, New Playground Development, in the amount of \$15,000, to reflect the cost sharing from Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission - Recreation Facilities Development Grant will not change the Net Budget.

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget of Capital Account No. CPC00303, Playgrounds Upgrades & Replacements, in the amount of \$48,000, to reflect the combined cost sharing from Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission - Recreation Facilities Development Grant and the Ian Forsyth School Playground Committee will not change the Net Budget.

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.

REGIONAL PLANNING IMPLICATIONS


No impact.

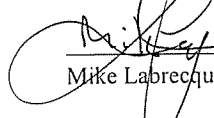
ALTERNATIVES

Council may choose to not increase the Capital Budgets for these projects. This will result in a reduced scope of work for the projects. These projects would then not meet the expectations of the respective communities. This is **not** the recommended alternative.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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