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Halifax Regional Council
July 15, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Lewis M. Rogers, Director, Recreation, Tourism & Culture

DATE: July 4, 2003

SUBJECT: **Lockview Area Ratepayers Association - Tennis Court Construction
Capital Project**

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the December 11, 2001 Regional Council meeting, Council received a request from the Lockview Area Ratepayers Association (LARA) to have HRM administer the finances for the construction of a tennis court on their behalf. Information provided to Council at that time indicated that the project was funded by HRM resources in the amount of \$7,004.00, while the original approved recommendation indicated "no net cost to HRM"

BACKGROUND:

As per the attached report (Attachment #1), LARA requested HRM administer the project in order to realize savings on the construction from the refundable portion of the GST (\$3,167.50). The original request was made to the Recreation Services to provide a "one-time" increase in the area service rate to realize an additional \$7,000.00 in order to provide the community funding source (attachment #2.)

The request was approved subject to confirmation of grant funding from the Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation Commission.

DISCUSSION

During the transaction, and report to Council seeking approval, a mis-communication occurred and the "no net cost to HRM" position provided to Council was incorrect. The net cost of the project to HRM is approximately \$7,000.00. This amount has been provided for in the current Recreation, Tourism & Culture operating budget.

It is standard procedure that Council be made aware of this type of error before the project funding and expense process can be undertaken.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None. The necessary HRM funding is provided within the Recreation, Tourism & Culture current 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.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified


ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1 - Staff Report dated November 30th, 2001 Lockview Area Ratepayers Association - Tennis Court Construction - Capital Account.

Attachment #2 - Letter From - Lockview Arca Ratepayers Association - seeking HRM administrative support.

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.


Report Prepared by:

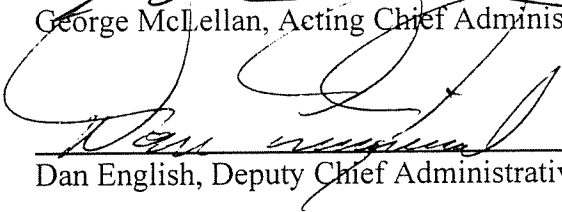

Robert Nauss, Regional Coordinator 490-4910

Halifax Regional Council
December 11, 2001

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Acting Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: November 30, 2001

SUBJECT: Lockview Area Ratepayers' Association -
Tennis Court Construction - Capital Account

ORIGIN

Request by the Lockview Area Ratepayers' Association to have the Municipality administer the finances for the construction project of a tennis court on behalf the Lockview Area Ratepayers' Association.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that :

1. Council approve an increase in the capital budget in the amount of \$43,265.09 net of HST for a new capital project, Lockview Area Ratepayer's Association - Tennis Court Construction, with no net cost to HRM. The awarded tender price of \$36,956.00 plus a 10% contingency, plus net HST for a total project amount of \$43,265.09.

BACKGROUND

The Lockview Area Ratepayers' Association in partnership with Parks & Recreation Services have worked towards the construction of the tennis court at Robinson Park, a municipal parkland, located in Fall River. Funding for this project has been provided from Lockview Area Ratepayers' Association, Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Association and the Area Service Amount. The project has been tendered and awarded to Ocean Contractors at a tender price of \$36,956.00 plus a 10% contingency, plus net HST for a total project amount of \$43,265.09.

DISCUSSION

The Lockview Area Ratepayers' Association has requested that the municipality administer the finances for this project. To facilitate this there would need to be an increase to the capital budget and the creation of a capital account number. This would allow the Municipality to record this facility as a HRM asset and the Association would realize a savings on the cost of construction from the refundable portion of the HST in the amount of \$3,167.50.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The construction of this facility is being cost shared between the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Association - 1/3 of total cost of project up to \$20,000, the Lockview Area Ratepayers - \$23,080.00 and the Area Service Amount - \$5,996.00, with no net cost to HRM. The creation of a capital account number for this project would allow the Municipality to record this newly constructed facility as a HRM asset.

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ALTERNATIVES

None

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March 17, 2001

Reference: Lockview Area Ratepayers Association (LARA)
2001 Tennis Court / Play Park Development Project

Dear Bob,

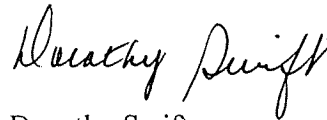
Please accept this as a request to increase our 2001 / 2002 operating budget from a historical amount of \$7300.00 to \$14,300.00 for the upcoming fiscal year.

This amount is required to push our project over the top and indeed see it become a reality. We are confident that our 1/3 funding request will be granted from the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission (\$20,000.00) and have \$26,000.00 commitment from LARA. We have thus far been unsuccessful in gaining financial support from HRM and hope you see this participation from HRM as being reasonable and indeed equitable.

We believe that our area (District 2 in general) is in need of quality recreational opportunities and LARA is now on the cusp of making our Tennis Court / Play Park Project become a reality. We need your assistance to put this over the top.

Thank you in advance for considering this request; we would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the matter and/or make a project presentation if required. If you have any questions you may contact me at the office at 487-5974 (M-F 7:30am-4pm).

Thanks



Dorothy Swift
Treasurer LARA

Cc: Councillor Gary Hines