

From: Phillip Townsend
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Spryfield Lion's Rink Accessibility

HRM owns this property but its operation is mandated through a Board. HRM provides capital to the facility based on a mutually agreed upon list of prioritized projects. As I had advised Councillor Adams recently and on one previous occasion the SLA has not identified accessibility as a priority on their 3 year capital project list. The last list submitted to me, for years 2008-11 does not have this as a requested project. I also advised the Councillor that I will be submitting for Council consideration in the upcoming budget a small amount of funding dedicated to accessibility projects and that I hoped to work with the HRM's Persons with Disabilities Committee to identify projects that they felt were a priority. There are a significant number of HRM's facilities that do not fully or partially comply with modern accessibility standards. Staff will need some guidance as to how to prioritize those needs to most effectively improve accessibility levels throughout HRM. I also noted that I would be pleased to bring this project to their attention for consideration if that funding is approved.

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