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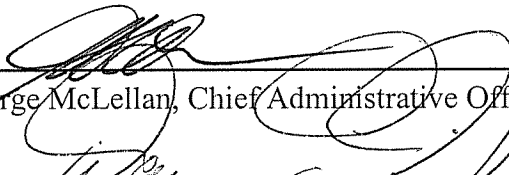


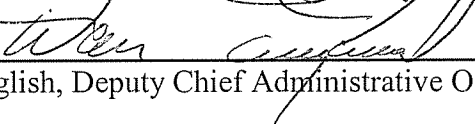
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Halifax Regional Council
March 9, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:


George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer


Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 24, 2004

SUBJECT: Capital Budget Increase - Cost Sharing
LeMarchant/St. Thomas Elementary School

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 Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No. CPC00303, Playground Upgrades & Replacements in the amount of \$33,112.63 with no change to the Net Budget. This is to reflect cost sharing from the NS Sport and Recreation Commission - \$20,000.00 and LeMarchant/St. Thomas Home & School Association - \$13,112.63, as per the Background Section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Each year during the capital budget preparation, staff identifies and incorporates all known cost sharing opportunities in the capital budget submission. However, additional cost sharing opportunities are presented to staff after budget approval, which is the case with LeMarchant/St. Thomas Elementary School Project.

During the design and development process an application for funding under the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission - Recreation Facility Development Grant Program was submitted by the LeMarchant/St. Thomas Home & School Association. Funding was approved in the amount of \$20,000.00. Further, through fund raising efforts the LeMarchant/St. Thomas Home & School Association has raised and committed up to \$13,112.63 towards the project.

Phase One of the LeMarchant/St. Thomas Elementary School Project was completed in the fall of 2003. The scope of work included the construction of an asphalt play pad, the installation of a play structure, the installation of a light standard and control of drainage issues. The total cost of the first phase was \$59,529.34, including net HST.

In the second phase the scope of work will consist of landscaping improvements at the LeMarchant/St. Thomas School and playground upgrades at the annex school (the ex Beaufort Elementary School). This phase of the project will be undertaken during the summer of 2004 and has an estimated cost of \$37,250.15, including net HST.

Funding for this project is as follows:

District 13 District Capital Funds - Account No. CCV00188-	\$ 39,915.00
2003/04 Approved Capital Budget - Account No. CPC00303 -	\$ 30,000.00
Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission -	\$ 20,000.00
LeMarchant/ St. Thomas Home & School Association -	<u>\$ 13,112.63</u>

Total Funding: \$103,027.63

Based on this total budget, minus the expenditures in phase one and the estimate for phase two, the project will have a \$9678.49 contingency.

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. CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements in the amount of \$ 33,112.63 to reflect the cost sharing from the NS Sport

and Recreation Commission and the LeMarchant/St Thomas Home & School Association 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.

ALTERNATIVES

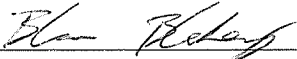
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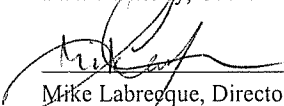
ATTACHMENTS

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