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Halifax Regional Council
November 9, 2004

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 21, 2004

SUBJECT: **Capital Budget Increase - Parks Capital Projects Cost Sharing**

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 in the amount of \$16,200.00 to Capital Account No. CP300559 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements, \$60,000.00 to Capital Account No. CPC00684 - Sport Court Upgrades, \$7,000.00 to Capital Account No. CPC00683 - Sport Field Upgrades, and \$20,000.00 to Capital Account No. CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements, with no change to the Net Budget, as outlined in the table in the Discussion section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Each year during the capital budget preparation, staff identifies and incorporates all known cost sharing opportunities in the capital projects submission. However, after the budget approval additional opportunities do become available from such sources as the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation (Facility Development Program), community groups, corporate sponsorship, development agreements, and school parent groups.

DISCUSSION

When additional funding is received, after the approval of the capital budget, staff is required to obtain Council's approval for any increases to the Capital Budget, in accordance with the Multi Year Financial Strategy. Approval is usually done on a project to project basis, however, with the number of projects currently receiving cost sharing staff determined that a collective report to Council would prove to be a more time efficient manner in requesting approval for this increase. The table below outlines the projects, funding sources and the capital budget account numbers impacted by the requested increase.

Project Name	Capital Account #	Funding Source	Budget Increase
Joseph Giles Elementary School	CP300559	Joseph Giles Elementary PTO	\$1,000.00
Colby Village Elementary School	CP300559	Colby Village Elementary School PTO	\$3,000.00
Caudle Park School	CP300559	Caudle Park Home and School Association	\$12,200.00
Chebucto School (Maritime Muslim Academy Playground)	CPC00303	Maritime Muslim Academy	\$20,000.00
Gorsebrook Outdoor Facility	CPC00684	Clearwater Fine Foods Inc.	\$60,000.00
Three Brooks Subdivision Park	CPC00683	Canada Post	\$7,000.00
Total Increase to Gross Capital Budget:			\$103,200.00

Recap of budget increases to each Capital Account:

CP300559 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements - \$16,200.00

CPC00684 - Sport Court Upgrades - \$60,000.00

CPC00683 - Sport Field Upgrades - \$ 7,000.00

CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements - \$20,000.00

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget by \$16,200.00 to Capital Account No. CP300559 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements, \$60,000.00 to Capital Account No. CPC00684 - Sport Court Upgrades, and \$7,000.00 to Capital Account No. CPC00683 - Sport Field Upgrades and \$20,000.00 to Capital Account No. CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements, as outlined in the Discussion section of this report, will not change the Net Budget.

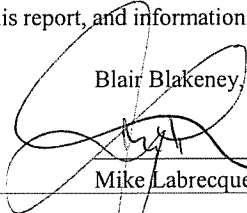
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

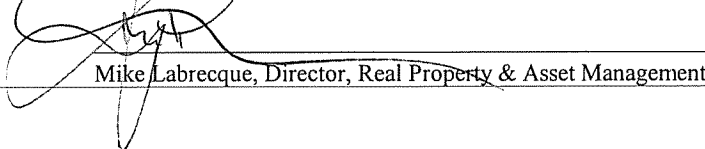
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives.

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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