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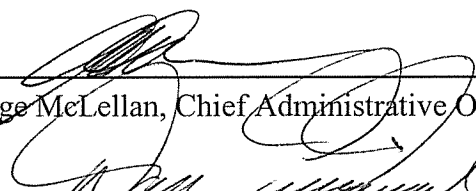



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Halifax Regional Council
May 24, 2005

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: May 13, 2005

SUBJECT: **Capital Budget Increase - 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 \$12,000 to Capital Account No. CPC00467 - Regional Trails Development, \$4,000 to Capital Account No. CPC00304 - Ball Field Upgrades and \$8,500 to Capital Account No. CP300559 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements for a total increase to the gross Capital Budget of \$24,500 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. 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
Portland Estates Trail Development (Dartmouth)	CPC00467 Regional Trails Development	Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation (Facility Development Program)	\$12,000.00
Eastern Passage Common Dugout Replacement	CPC00304 Ball Field Upgrades	Youth and Community Partnership Against Crime	\$4,000.00
Waverley Memorial School Playground Equipment	CP300559 Playground Upgrades and Replacement	Waverley Memorial/LC Skerry Parent Teacher Cooperative	\$8,500.00
Recap of budget increases to each Capital Account: CPC00467 Regional Trails Development - \$12,000.00 CPC00304 Ball Field Upgrades - \$4,000.00 CP300559 Playground Upgrades and Replacement - \$8,500.00			

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget by \$24,500, as outlined in the Discussion section of this report will result in no change to the Net Budget. This cost sharing will allow for an increase in the scope of work to the trail development in the Portland Estates area, the replacement of four dugouts at the Eastern Passage Common Ball Fields, and additional playground equipment replacement at the Waverley Memorial School.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

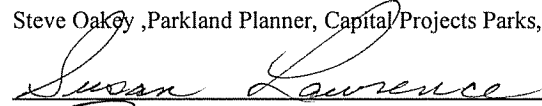
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended 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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