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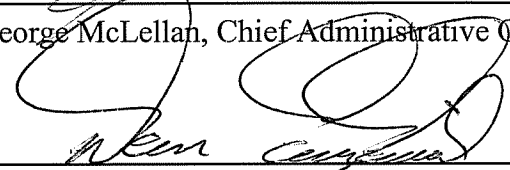
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**August 2, 2005**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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 George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
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 Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** July 4, 2005

**SUBJECT:** **Capital Budget Increase - Cost Sharing**  
**1. Berry Hill Park Basketball Court & Gravel Parking Area**  
**2. South Woodside School**  
**3. Crichton Park School Playground**

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**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. CPC00676 New Park Development by \$30,000 and Capital Account No. CP300559 Playground Upgrades and Replacements by \$26,800 with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect cost sharing, as per the Background section of this report.

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### 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
Berry Hill Park	CPC00676 New Park Development	Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation (Facility Development Program)	\$30,000.00
South Woodside School	CP300559 Playground Upgrades and Replacements	Nova Scotia Sport and Recreation (Facility Development Program)	\$5,000.00
Crichton Park School Playground	CP300559 Playground Upgrades and Replacements	Crichton Park Playground Committee	\$21,800.00
Recap of increase:			
CPC00676 - New Park Development -		\$30,000.00	
CP300559 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements -		<u>\$26,800.00</u>	
Total Increase to Capital Budget - \$56,800.00			

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**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No.CPC00676 - New Park Development, in the amount of \$30,000 will not change the Net Budget. This cost sharing will allow for the installation of the asphalt-surfaced basketball court and gravel parking area at the Berry Hill Park.

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No. CP300559 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements, in the amount of \$26,800 will not change the Net Budget. This cost sharing will allow for the installation of play equipment at the South Woodside School and addition play equipment at Crichton Park School Playground.

<b>Budget Summary:</b>	<b><u>Account No. CPC00676 New Park Development</u></b>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	<b>\$308,409</b>
	Plus: Cost Sharing	<b><u>\$ 30,000</u></b>
		<b>\$338,409</b>

	<b><u>Account No. CP300559 Playground Upgrades &amp; Replacements</u></b>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	<b>\$550,686</b>
	Plus: Cost Sharing	<b><u>\$ 26,800</u></b>
		<b>\$577,486</b>

**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. If approved, this will increase the 2005/06 Capital Budget.

**ALTERNATIVES**

There are no reasonable alternatives to this recommendation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

No attachments.

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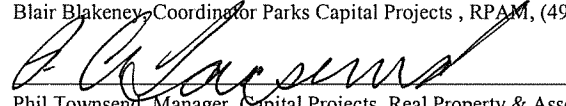
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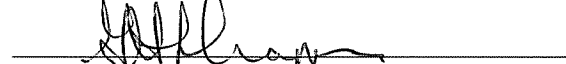
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