



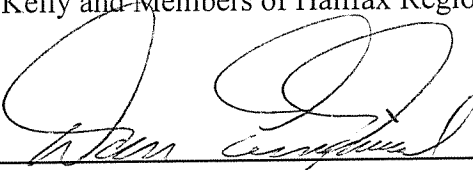
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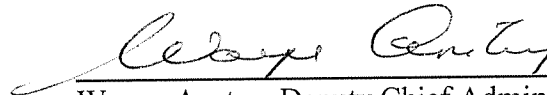
Halifax Regional Council
March 20, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer



Wayne Anstey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

DATE: February 20, 2007

SUBJECT: **Capital Budget Increase - Multi Projects**

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 by \$372,000.00, with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect secured additional funding for Capital Account No. CPU00925 - New Playground Development, Capital Account No. CP300845 - New Park Development and Capital Account No. CP300850 - Playground Upgrades & Replacement, as outlined in the Background section of this report.

BACKGROUND

During the capital budget process staff identifies and incorporates all known funding opportunities into the budget for Council approval. However, every year additional opportunities become apparent after budget approval from various sources. Some of these sources include such organizations as the Nova Scotia Sports & Recreation Commission (Recreation Facilities Capital Grant Program), community groups, corporate sponsorship, development agreements, and school parent groups.

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 increases.

Project Name	Capital Account #	Funding Source	Budget Increase
Basinview Drive Community School Playground Development	CP300850 - Playground Upgrades & Replacement	Basinview Drive Community School Parent-Teacher Partnership	\$7,000.00
Miller Lake West Playground	CPU00925 - New Playground Development	Nova Scotia Health Promotion, Recreation Facility Development Grant	\$15,000.00
Lake Charlotte Boat Launch	CP300845 - New Park Development	Nova Scotia Department of Economic Development	\$350,000.00
Total Requested Increase to Capital Budget			\$372,000.00

Recap of budget increases to each Capital Account:

CP300850 - Playground Upgrades & Replacement	\$ 7,000.00
CPU00925 - New Playground Development	\$ 15,000.00
CP300845 - New Park Development	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
	<u>\$372,000.00</u>

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, in the amount of \$372,000, to reflect the additional funding secured, as outlined in the Background section of this report will not change the Net Budget. This funding, as outlined in this report, will allow the projects to proceed as per the project design. The budget availability and confirmation letters or actual funds already deposited has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary:	<u>Account No. CP300850 - Playground Upgrades & Replacement</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$2,027.91
	Plus: Cost Sharing	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
	New Balance CCV00671	\$9,027.91

The additional funds of \$7,000.00 (Confirmation received) for Basinview Drive Community School will allow for the construction of a more suitable playground for the older students.

Budget Summary:	<u>Account No. CPU00925 - New Playground Development (Res # 1236.3)</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$25,000.00
	Plus: Cost Sharing	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
	New Balance CPU00925	\$40,000.00

The additional funds of \$15,000.00 (Confirmation received) for the Miller Lake West Park Development will allow for the construction of a playground and asphalt play pad in combination with the approved HRM funding.

Budget Summary:	<u>Account No. CP300845 - New Park Development</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 43,918.00
	Plus: Cost Sharing	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
	New Balance CP300845	\$393,918.00

Staff has been working with the Lake Charlotte Boat Launch Committee, on site selection and planning for a public boat launch since 2004. A potential location has finally been identified and would require the purchase of three properties. However, before this project can be recommended for HRM funding, staff has informed the Community Committee that the site must first meet all environmental and development criteria for public road access and waterfront development. As well, HRM staff must have a professional cost estimate on the full scope of this project before proceeding with a decision to recommend of Council any future funding. The Community Committee has engaged a Engineering Consultant to proceed on this task, funded on their behalf.

With the support of MLA Bill Dooks, the Committee has received advanced funding (Deposited to G/L 2555 HRCP) from the Nova Scotia Department of Economic Development in the amount of \$350,000.00. A requirement, by the Province, is that these funds be administered through HRM.

It should be noted that there is no obligation on the behalf of HRM to fund this project and staff will be reporting back to Council, after review. Should this project not be supported, the subject funding would be returned to the Province.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating 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 2006/07 Capital Budget and the pre-approved 2007/08 Capital Budget

ALTERNATIVES

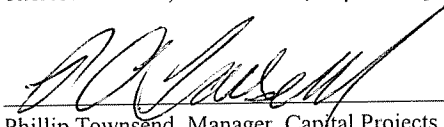
Council may decide not to approve the Capital Budget increase. This is not recommended by staff. Not approving the Capital Budget would compromise the success of the projects.

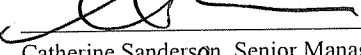
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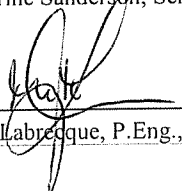
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