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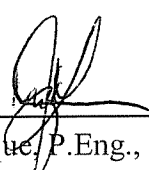
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Halifax Regional Council  
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**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
Mike Labrecque, P.Eng., Director Transportation and Public Works

**DATE:** April 30, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Earle Road, Beaver Bank- Playground Upgrade Petition

## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

January 9, 2007 Regional Council - Item 8.2.1 - Petition from the residents and taxpayers of Meadowbrook Subdivision, Beaver Bank, requesting an upgrade to the playground on Earle Road.

### BACKGROUND

At the January 9, 2007, Halifax Regional Council meeting, Councillor Snow served a petition on behalf of the residents of Meadowbrook Subdivision requesting upgrades to the playground on Earle Road. Currently this playground is equipped with a slide and set of swings. TPW has completed a condition and compliance assessment of the site. The report states the equipment to be in acceptable condition, although the swings will need to be re-installed for height adjustments and the cribbing and pea gravel will require minor repairs and replenishment. This work is estimated to cost \$3,500 and is included in the 2007 playground compliance program, extending the life by four to five years and bringing it to the latest CSA Standards.

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**DISCUSSION**

The intent of the petition also implies the need to enhance this playground with additional equipment to better service the children of this community. Parks Capital Projects has been provided with this request and will work with Community Development staff to assess the request, including it for consideration in the 2008/09 Capital Budget Process.

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**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The basic upgrades to the existing play equipment will be funded from the approved 2007/08 Capital Budget from account CPU00929 Playground Upgrades and Replacement- block funding for CSA compliance.

Funding for addition equipment upgrades will be contingent upon the process for approval in the 2008/09 Capital 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.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/agenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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