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## Item No. 11.1.2

**Halifax Regional Council**  
**October 2, 2007**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

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

**DATE:** September 25, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Release of Funds - Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Fund

### **ORIGIN**

The Springfield Lake Recreation Association, who manages the Weir Field in Sackville on behalf of the HRM, is requesting up to \$27,000 from the Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Q124 to replace and upgrade amenities of the artificial surface.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

1. Council approve an increase in Capital Project CP300791 Weir Field Upgrades, in the amount of \$27,000 with funding from the Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Fund, Q124, to cover the cost of capital maintenance and other related expenditures for this asset as outlined in the discussion section of this report.
2. Council approve an unbudgeted withdrawal from Reserve Q124 Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Fund.

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 13, 2003, the Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Fund was implemented to provide a financial vehicle for the allocation of funds to offset the costs of future upgrading, repairs, or replacement of the artificial turf field and amenities at the Weir Field in Upper Sackville. The field and facilities are currently managed by the Springfield Lake Recreation Association, through a management agreement with the Halifax Regional Municipality.

The source of funding for this reserve has been 75% of all user fees from the artificial turf facilities located at the Weir Field in Upper Sackville. These funds shall be transferred by the Association to HRM on a quarterly basis.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Reserve is primarily intended to provide some funding for the replacement and upgrading of the artificial surface on the Weir Property. The expected time frame for field upgrading or replacement is 10 to 12 years. To date the Reserve has accumulated \$205,384 after seven (7) years of operation.

Funds from this Reserve should also be available to either fully offset the replacement or upgrading of amenities of the artificial surfaces. The cost of replacement has been estimated to be \$450,000 to \$500,000. It is anticipated that the Reserve Fund will generate up to \$300,000 for the turf replacement. The remaining funds could be available through the Provincial Development Facility Fund or through the Municipality's Capital Funding Program.

To ensure the integrity of the facility, Springfield Lake Recreation Association has identified the following needs: re-keying the facility, installing netting, extending the fencing, and paving the gravel area between the field and parking lot. The cost of this work is estimated at \$27,000.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Funds are available through an increase in the budget of Capital Account CP300791 Weir Field Upgrades with funding of \$27,000 from Upper Sackville Turf Capital Reserve Fund, Q124.

### **Budget Summary**

### **Capital Account CP300791 Weir Field Upgrades**

Cumulative Unspent Balance .....	\$ 893.
Plus: Funding from Q124 .....	<u>\$ 27,000.</u>
Uncommitted Balance .....	\$ 27,893

## **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 report will increase withdrawals from reserves and increase the gross capital budget.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

The alternative would be not to approve expenditures which would put the Springfield Lake Recreation Association in an adverse financial position.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.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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