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Item No. 11.3.1

Halifax Regional Council
April 21, 2009

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Councillor Andrew Younger, Chair, Harbour East Community Council

DATE: April 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Feasibility Study / Conceptual Facility Development Study - Dartmouth Sportsplex

ORIGIN

April 2, 2009 meeting of the Harbour East Community Council.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve \$100,000 from the 2009/10 budget to carry out a Feasibility Study and Conceptual Facility Development Study for the Dartmouth Sportsplex as per Recommendation #23 (page 51) of the Community Facilities Master Plan dated May 2008.

DISCUSSION

A verbal presentation was given at the April 2, 2009 Harbour East Community Council meeting by Mr. Brad Smith, Chair, Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association, and Mr. Bob Quigley, General Manager, Dartmouth Sportsplex.

Following the presentation a motion was passed recommending Regional Council considered approving \$100,000 in funding from the 2009/10 budget for a feasibility study and conceptual facility development study for the Dartmouth Sportsplex

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

\$100,000 from the 2009/10 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.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Council approve the \$100,000 from the 2009/10 budget for the Feasibility/Conceptual Design Study. This is the recommended option.
2. Council may decline approval of the \$100,000 for the Feasibility/Conceptual Design Study for the Dartmouth Sportsplex. This is not the recommended option.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Extract of the draft Harbour East Community Council minutes of April 2, 2009.
2. Pages 51 and 67 of the HRM Community Facility Master Plan dated May 2008.

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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9.3.1 Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association

Mr. Brad Smith, Chair, Dartmouth Sportsplex Community Association, presented. Mr. Bob Quigley, General Manager, Dartmouth Sportsplex was also in attendance.

Mr. Smith noted that the Dartmouth Sportsplex, built in 1982, has reached its mid-life refit period. The Dartmouth Sportsplex, managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, has been very fiscally responsible with a return of 100% in operating dollars and 50% contributed toward capital costs. It has become increasingly more difficult to squeeze dollars out of the aging facility which has led to growing concerns with the ability to activate future programs. Expansion of youth and senior programming has become limited due to capacity issues. A strategic plan, encompassing wide community consultation that covered topics ranging from parking to programs, was done seven years ago; all goals were successfully implemented and a return on investment seen within 18 months. The only matter that remains outstanding is the construction of a fieldhouse.

A proposed 47,000 square foot fieldhouse would provide space for multiple programs and permit significant additions to current programming. The fieldhouse would be part of a new Revitalization Plan that would provide convention/trade show abilities on the east side of HRM. The Dartmouth Sportsplex volunteer Board of Directors cannot finance the project on its own within the existing revenue. The Dartmouth Sportsplex is one of the highest priorities listed in the HRM Indoor Community Facility Master Plan. The Board is currently working with the Dartmouth Common Master Plan Steering Committee in regard to: an integrated parking area; assistance in meeting the needs of local schools, businesses, parks; and, new bus terminal.

The Dartmouth Sportsplex Board of Directors is seeking the support of Harbour East Community Council in the form of a positive recommendation to Regional Council for approval in the 2009/10 budget for \$100,000 in funding to carry out a feasibility and conceptual facility development study.

Councillor Younger, Chair, thanked Mr. Smith and Mr. Quigley for their presentation.

MOVED BY Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor McCluskey that the Harbour East Community Council request that Halifax Regional Council approve \$100,000 from the 2009/10 budget to carry out a feasibility study and conceptual facility development study for the Dartmouth Sportsplex as per Recommendation #23 of the Community Facilities Master Plan (page 51).

In response to Councillor Karsten, Mr. Smith explained that the capital project would be the construction of an \$8 to \$10 million fieldhouse which would function as a multi-purpose facility for a variety of user groups and house basketball/badminton courts as

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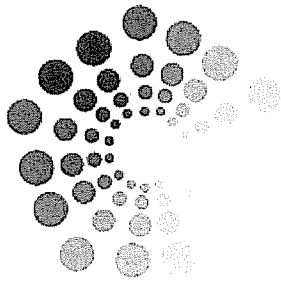
well as meeting/program space.

Mr. Doug Rafuse, Manager, Service Delivery, Community Development, noted that the Dartmouth Sportsplex was one of the top priorities in the Community Facilities Master Plan.

Councillor Karsten commented that sending a report to Regional Council was a little pre-mature and that public engagement should be held first to determine what the public want/need at that site. Mr. Smith expressed concern with the future of the Dartmouth Sportsplex if the 2009/10 budget cycle were missed.

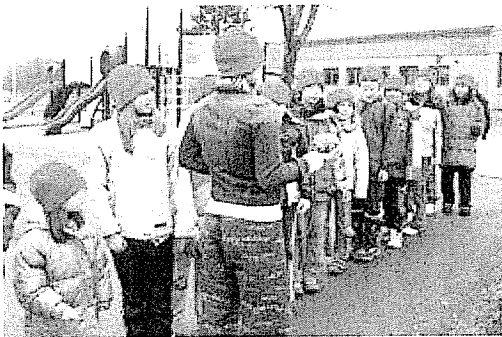
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Recommendation 22: Community Centre Access Pilot with Halifax Regional School Board

That HRM and HRSB introduce a trial Community Centre Access Pilot Program in an effort to improve overall public access to gymnasia in the Fall 2008.

Recommendation 23: Joint Development of Community Access Gyms with Arts Space

That HRSB, HRM and Dartmouth Sportsplex enter into a joint venture relationship for the development of the Dartmouth Sportsplex Field-house to serve residents of Dartmouth – Eastern Passage. This project would also serve the high school student population of HRSWB through a Board proposal for a Centre of Excellence for Sport at Dartmouth High. The development of community access gyms with supplemental arts and cultural spaces at Prince Andrew High School is recommended.

That HRM and HRSB jointly develop an enlarged public access gym and arts and cultural spaces in conjunction with Highland Park Junior School on the Peninsula, or the proposed junior high school for the north end of the Peninsula. It is further recommended to jointly develop the forecasted Centre for Art at Citadel High School.

That HRM coordinate with HRSB the construction of a community access gym/community centre in conjunction with the new replacement school for Lakeview Consolidated Elementary School at Porters Lake.

Supplementary Rationale

The Highland Park development will assist with the closure plans of Needham Recreation Centre that will be addressed in another section of this report.

Recommendation 24: School Closures

That currently forecasted HRB elementary and junior high schools slated for closure not be added to HRM community centre inventory, unless the schools are within areas deemed high need and where they are superior to current municipal infrastructure (evaluation completed using Facility Condition Index).

Recommendation 25: School Gym Access

That HRM initiate discussions with HRSB to determine mechanisms to improve access to school gyms. In conjunction with HRSB, HRM will also improve booking procedures and allocation strategies to provide consistency of access.

Recommendation 26: School Linkage to Pathways

That wherever feasible, link elementary schools to a linear pathway system to encourage walking within the neighbourhood.

Recommendation 27: Outdoor Basketball & Volleyball

That HRM encourage development of additional outdoor basketball courts and sand volleyball facilities in conjunction with new schools, multi-district and community recreation centres.

Recommendation 28: Development of a Community Wellness Facility Feasibility Study

That research on the feasibility of developing at least one Community Wellness facility in conjunction with Capital Health and/or other partners. The best practice models cited are Seven Oaks in Winnipeg or Talisman Centre in Calgary.

5.3 Capital Program Summary

The following chart outlines the order of magnitude capital costs forecasted for facility development.

HRM Community Facilities Master Plan Capital Program Summary (\$ in 000's)

Project Code	Facility/Project	Description	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Total
			1 8/9	2 9/10	3 10/11	4 to 8 12/16	9 to 13 17/21	
Existing Facilities & Sports Fields								
CPX01059	RPAM Rec Facility Upgrades	HRM Owned & Operated	403	1,179	1,121	5,000	5,000	12,703
CPX01038	RPAM Arena Upgrades	HRM Owned & Operated (Note 1)	230	490	540	2,500	2,500	6,260
CPX01051	RPAM Management Agreements	Owned by HRM, Operated Through Agreements	289	400	400	2,000	2,000	5,089
CPX01050	RPAM Major Facility Upgrades	Owned by HRM, Operated Through Agreements	1,200	1,690	1,500	7,500	7,500	19,390
CPX01008	Ball Field Upgrades	HRM Owned (HRM & Community Board Operated)	175	125	125	750	750	1,925
CPX01030	Sports Field Upgrades	HRM Owned (HRM & Community Board Operated)	25	125	125	750	750	1,775
CPX01031	Track & Field Upgrades	HRM Owned & Operated	37	430	50	300	300	1,117
Total for Existing Facilities & Sports Fields			2,359	4,439	3,861	18,800	18,800	48,259
Short Term Projects - 3 year time frame								
CB100091	Mainland Common	Design & Construction						
		HRM funding	12,016					12,016
		Provincial funding	13,342					13,342
		Federal funding	13,342					13,342
		Community fundraising	2,000					2,000
			<u>40,700</u>				<u>40,700</u>	
CB200453	East Dartmouth Rec Centre	Complete Construction	400					400
CBG00720	Prospect Community Centre	Design and Construction						
		HRM funding	2,125					2,125
		Provincial funding	2,000					2,000
		Federal funding	1,000					1,000
		Community fundraising	343					343
		Area rate	2,438					2,438
			<u>7,906</u>				<u>7,906</u>	
CBX01041	North Preston Comm Ctr Expansion	Design & Construction	200	500				700
	Multi-pad Arena Complex	Partnership - Capital Contribution	5,000					5,000
	Porters Lake School	Gym & Community space		2,000				2,000
Lebrun Centre	Lebrun Centre	Arena conversion						
		HRM funding			1,000			1,000
		Provincial funding			1,000			1,000
		Federal funding			1,000			1,000
						<u>3,000</u>		
DSP Fieldhouse	DSP Fieldhouse	Design & Construction						
		HRM funding			1,500			1,500
		Provincial funding			2,500			2,500
		Federal funding			2,500			2,500
		Community fundraising			1,000			1,000
				<u>7,500</u>			<u>7,500</u>	
CBX01056	Strategic Community Facility Planning	Musquodoboit Harbour Service & Facility Review		50				50
		DSP Fieldhouse Prel. Design & Analysis	100					100
		Eastern Passage Service & Facility Review	50					50
		Planning Studies - Rural Hall Consolidations	50	50	50			150