

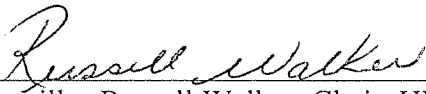


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## Item No. 10.5.3

Halifax Regional Council  
August 11, 2009

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Councillor Russell Walker, Chair, HRM Grants Committee

**DATE:** August 6, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **HRM Re-Capitalization Assistance to Community Facilities: Arenas  
and Swimming Pools - St. Margaret's Centre**

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### ORIGIN

Grants Committee meeting of May 11<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### RECOMMENDATION

**It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve a grant in the amount of \$80,000 from Capital Account CBX01146 - Capital Grants - HRM Owned Facilities to the St. Margaret's Centre for the purchase of an ice resurfacing machine.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Grants Committee discussed the matter at their May 11<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meetings.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

As per the attached Staff Report dated May 29, 2009.

### **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

As per the attached Staff Report dated May 29, 2009

### **ALTERNATIVES**

As per the attached Staff Report dated May 29, 2009.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Staff Report dated May 29, 2009.

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HRM Grants Committee

July 6, 2009  
*August 5/09*

**TO:** Chair and Members HRM Grants Committee

**SUBMITTED BY:** *Denise Schofield*  
Denise Schofield, Acting Director of Community Development

**DATE:** May 29, 2009

**SUBJECT:** HRM Re-Capitalization Assistance to Community Facilities: Arenas and Swimming Pools - St. Margaret's Centre

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

**ORIGIN**

Staff report dated November 17, 2008. Council approved seven (7) grants for a total of \$595,110 from account CBX01146 and an amount of \$100,000 was held pending further evaluation of the submission from the St. Margaret's Centre.

Staff report dated February 27, 2009. On March 3, 2009, Council approved a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from account CBX01146 to the St. Margaret's Centre for a new pool liner. Council approved the carry forward of the balance of \$80,000 pending a supplementary report to the Grants Committee re: a request to purchase a new ice resurfacing machine.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the HRM Grants Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council approve:

A grant in the amount of \$80,000 from Capital Account CBX01146 - Capital Grants-HRM Owned Facilities to the St. Margaret's Centre for the purchase of an ice resurfacing machine.

**BACKGROUND**

The Centre's initial request for \$100,000 towards a future swimming pool expansion was declined due to the project's reliance on an area rate. Because an area rate is currently in effect for an arena expansion, the project cannot advance for another 4-5 years. As an interim measure, a new pool liner was funded through a grant of \$20,000.

The Centre also requested a grant towards the purchase of a new ice re-surfacing machine. A decision was deferred pending confirmation of any other HRM funding sources ie., a capital budget allocation or the Canada Games budget.

**DISCUSSION**

A condition report on ice resurfacing machines in HRM-owned arenas conducted by HRM staff shows that the St. Margaret's Centre owns two machines, both of which are in poor condition. One was purchased in 1985 and re-built in 1998, the second is nearing the end of its useful life.

HRM staff have confirmed that there is no duplicate request in HRM's 2009-2010 capital budget or the Canada Games budget.

*Staff recommend a capital grant of \$80,000 towards the purchase of an ice resurfacing machine.*

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

**Budget Summary Capital Account No.CBX01146 Capital Grants - HRM Owned Facilities**

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$84,890
Grant for Ice Surfacing Machine	<u>\$80,000</u>
Balance	\$ 4,890

If approved, a grant of \$80,000 will be issued to the St. Margaret's Centre from Capital Account CBX01146.

**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**

The Grants Committee may choose to amend the recommendation.

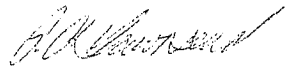
**ATTACHMENTS**

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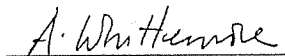
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