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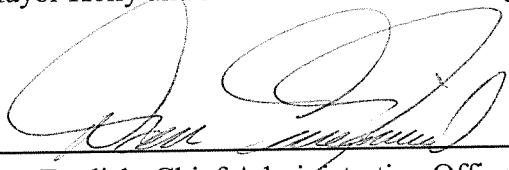


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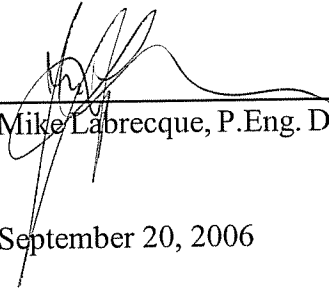
Halifax Regional Council
October 10, 2006

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



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DATE: September 20, 2006

SUBJECT: **Capital Budget Increase - Multi Projects**
Joseph Giles Elementary School Playground
John McNeil Elementary School
Monarch/Rivendale Park and Playground

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 \$59,800.00, with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect secured additional funding for Capital Account No. CP300850 - Playground Upgrades and Replacements and Capital Account No. CP300845 - New Park Development, as outlined in the Background section of this report.

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BACKGROUND

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

When additional funding is secured, 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 increase.

Project Name	Capital Account #	Funding Source	Budget Increase
Joseph Giles Elementary School Playground	CP300850- Playground Upgrades & Replacement	Nova Scotia Health Promotion, Recreation Facility Development Grant	\$9,800.00
John McNeil Elementary School Playground	CP300850- Playground Upgrades & Replacement	Nova Scotia Health Promotion, Recreation Facility Development Grant	\$25,000.00
Monarch/Rivendale Park and Playground	CP300845 - New Park Development (Res # 1050 Line 1)	Nova Scotia Health Promotion, Recreation Facility Development Grant	\$25,000.00
Recap of budget increases to each Capital Account:			
CP300850- Playground Upgrades & Replacement - \$34,800.00			
CP300845 - New Park Development - <u>\$25,000.00</u>			
\$59,800.00			

- The Nova Scotia Health Promotion, Recreation Facility Development Grant of \$25,000 for Monarch/Rivendale Park and Playground will be received in 2007.

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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 \$59,800.00, to reflect the cost sharing as outlined in the background section of this report will not change the Net Budget.

Budget Summary:	<u>Account No. CP300850 - Playground Upgrades & Replacement</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 125.42
	Plus: Additional Funds	<u>\$ 34,800.00</u>
	New balance CP300850	\$ 34,925.42

The additional funds of \$9,800 for Joseph Giles Elementary School Playground will allow for the construction of an asphalt sitting area and activity panels to provide an area for those with disabilities.

The additional funds of \$25,000 for John McNeil Elementary School Playground will allow for supply and installation of the second phase of the playground equipment

Budget Summary:	<u>Account No. CP300845 - New Park Development</u>	
	Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 0.00
	Plus: Additional Funds	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
	New balance CP300845	\$ 25,000.00

The additional funds of \$25,000 for Monarch/Rivendale Park and Playground will make it possible to construct additional trails and bridges in this new park.

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 will increase the 2006/07 Capital Budget.

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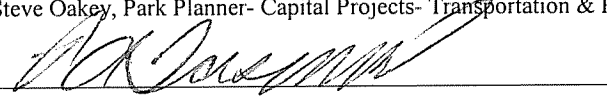
Council not approve the increase to the Capital Budget. This is not recommended by staff

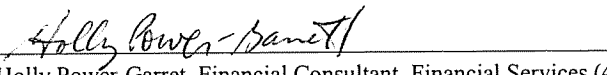
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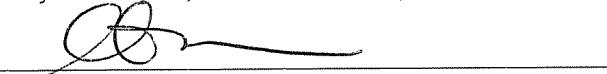
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