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Item No. 11.4.1

**Halifax Regional Council
March 2, 2010**

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Leo McKenna, Chair, Halifax Regional Library Board

DATE: February 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Capital Budget Increase - Woodlawn Library Expansion

ORIGIN

Approved 2008/09 Capital Budget

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. Allocate \$444,000.00 from Operating Account B011-4703 to Capital Account CBW00977 - Woodlawn Library Expansion
2. Approve an increase to Capital Account CBW00977 - Woodlawn Library Expansion by \$444,000.00 for the transfer from Operating as identified in the Budget Implications section of this report.

BACKGROUND

In the “in-camera” report dated April 21, 2009, Council discussed a relocation/expansion of the existing Woodlawn Library location to 31 Eisener Boulevard (an old Empire Theatre). Council approved the location and the capital budget of \$1,160,000.

DISCUSSION

The original capital budget submitted for this expansion was based on recent construction costs for the new Tantallon Library, with an area approx. 12,000 square feet. The actual size of the new Woodlawn Library is approx. 17,000 square feet, resulting in increased costs for furniture, equipment, shelving, and building modifications.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

During the current budget year (subsequent to budget approval), there was a recalculation of the provincial funding formula resulting in an increase in provincial funding* to The Halifax Regional Library. Administration noted this and identified this as a source of revenue to address the above noted capital shortfall. Budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services

Budget Summary:

Operating Account B011 - 4703	
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$444,000
Less: transfer to CBW00977	<u>\$444,000</u>
Balance	0

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Capital Account No. CBW00977, Woodlawn Library Expansion

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 462,069.33
Add: Transfer from B011	<u>\$ 444,000.00</u>
Balance	\$ 906,069.33
Total Previously Spent	<u>\$ 697,930.67</u>
Anticipated Cost of Project	\$1,604,000.00

* Increased funding amounts equal \$544,000

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 gross capital budget but not the net.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives to this course of action.

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