


**Item No. 10.1.1**  
**Halifax Regional Council**  
**April 19, 2011**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council  
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**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**DATE:** February 28, 2011

**SUBJECT:** **Advanced Tender for Resurfacing Beazley and Metropolitan Tracks**

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**ORIGIN**

Proposed 2011/12 Project Budget.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve:

1. Advanced 2011/12 project funding of \$725,000 for the resurfacing of the Beazley and Metropolitan Track Facilities;
2. An increase to Project No. CPX01178 Track and Field Upgrades for \$725,000; and
3. Should HRM not be successful in its funding application with the Province, that the Metropolitan Field resurfacing project be the priority for 2011/2012.

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**BACKGROUND**

The resurfacing of both the Metropolitan and Beazley Track and Field Facilities are being recommended in the 2011/12 Project Budget, estimated at a combined cost of \$1,000,000.

The five year project plan, as approved in last years budget proceedings, had Metropolitan track recommended for \$550,000 in 2011/12 and Beazley planned for 2013/14. However, the surface on Beazley is deteriorating quickly and staff now recommends addressing both tracks in the upcoming year. There is also economy of scale, in the order of 10-15% savings, by completing both tracks in the same construction period.

Beazley has been identified as the HRM's main track events facility and was last upgraded in 2007 with an economical latex structural coating, which now requires upgrading to ensure an additional seven to ten years playability. The proposed works will include stabilization to the existing rubber surface, the application of a new polyurethane based surface and re-lining, estimated at \$400,000.

The Metropolitan Field running track has been closed for main events since 2009. The condition of the track has deteriorated to the point in which the current surface must be removed down to the asphalt. The works proposed will included a new polyurethane surface and re-lining, perimeter drainage improvements and pathway circulation upgrades, estimated at \$600,000. These upgrades will extend the life of the track for ten plus years.

**DISCUSSION**

HRM's Procurement Policy states that projects cannot be officially put out to the marketplace until there is approved funding in an account for the award. However, the nature of the work and community importance of this particular project needs to be considered. Given the timelines for Council's approval of the 2011/12 Budget, which is potentially the latter part of May, this project is now at great risk of not being completed during the upcoming outdoor construction period for the following reasons:

First: The nature of the chemical materials used in these track surfaces require the application to be performed in warm, dry, and low humidity weather. Ideally this is July and August.

Secondly: This specialized product and work involves international firms that require reasonable lead up times to get into their works schedule and bring materials and staff from anywhere across North America.

Staff is planning to procure this work through a Request for Proposal format, with the involvement of our client group on the evaluation team. This requires more time in the overall

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procurement process. The proposed project schedule would have the tender out in April, providing for a mandatory site meeting, proposal preparation, and evaluation time into May. This would therefore provide the successful proponent with a reasonable lead time to manufacture, then ship the material, and deploy for work during a short construction target of mid summer.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Funding for this project is recommended in the Proposed 2011/12 Project Budget under Project No. CPX01178, Track and Field Upgrades, at \$1,000,000 gross, with projected cost share from the Provincial Recreation Facility Development Grant Program of \$300,000. This cost share amount is pending approval from the Province, with notification expected in late May. Advanced funding of \$275,000 was previously allocated to this project, therefore an additional \$725,000 is required. The budget availability has been confirmed by Financial Services.

Budget Summary: Project No. CPX01178 – Track and Field Upgrades	
Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 3.13
Plus: Advanced Funding approved 02/01/11	\$ 275,000.00
Plus: Advance Funding requested	<u>\$ 725,000.00</u>
Balance	\$1,000,003.13

Should the Provincial cost sharing be reduced or not be approved, the scope of work on this project will require revision. In the worse case, it may require phasing the project over two years by deferring the work at Beazley, thus resulting in loss to economy of scale savings.

A report will be delivered to Council to approve the tender award once funding confirmation from the Province has been received. If the anticipated funding level is reduced, the Project Budget will be reduced in tandem.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality’s Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating and Reserve budgets and the Proposed 2011/12 Project budget, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Project and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The project is being planned and undertaken with direct involvement from the Nova Scotia Track and Field Association and representation from the Community Track Clubs.

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**ALTERNATIVES**

Council could choose to not approve the proposed additional advance funding and withhold the project tender until the approval of the 2011/12 Project Budget. This alternative could result in the project not being completed within the 2011 construction season. This is not recommended by staff.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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