


Item No. 10.1.3
Halifax Regional Council
May 1, 2012

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original signed by 
Richard Butts, Chief Administrative Officer

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For: Mike Labrecque, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Enabling Legislation – Emera Phase 2 Oval Improvements, Halifax
Common

ORIGIN

This report originates with:

- Regional Council's approval of the 2012/13 Project Budget for Phase Two Oval improvements including a permanent building structure; and
- Council approval of a request for provincial legislation to permit the permanent building structure as outlined herein.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council approve the attached Resolution (Attachment A) requesting the necessary act of the Provincial Legislature authorizing the Municipality to erect a permanent building structure and common areas on the Halifax North Common required to house the Oval ice resurfacers, washrooms, equipment storage, and interior and exterior common areas.

BACKGROUND

Under the Laws of Nova Scotia, no person shall erect a permanent building on the Halifax Common without legislative authority. There have been numerous acts of the Provincial legislature authorizing the City to convey certain portions of the common to third parties for building improvements. Such conveyances and developments include lands for public use such as hospitals, universities and schools.

DISCUSSION

The Phase Two Oval project budget was approved by Regional Council as part of the 2012/13 Project Budget. Phase Two improvements include hard and soft landscaping, pedestrian walkway and a permanent building structure to house the Oval ice resurfacers, washrooms, equipment storage, and interior and exterior common areas. A public engagement process has been ongoing, and the feedback received will be considered in the detailed design for Phase Two improvements which will be the subject of a future Council report.

The prerequisite legislative authority specific to the building is a necessary process step and is in keeping with the public consultation outcomes and Council's approved project budget for the Oval support infrastructure and common areas.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications associated with the recommendation.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

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

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Oval Project has been developed with extensive public interest and engagement including a series of public open houses and an online survey to solicit and capture public input on Phase 2 improvements to the Oval, including support services and structures, treatment of open space and year round program interests. This public feedback (summarized in Attachment B) will be considered in developing the detailed design for the building structure and landscaping improvements.

ALTERNATIVES

None

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A	Resolution
Attachment B	Community Engagement Summary
Attachment C	Concept Site Plan

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The Phase Two Oval project budget was approved by Regional Council as part of the 2012/13 Budget. Phase Two improvements include hard and soft landscaping, pedestrian walkway and common area improvements and a permanent building structure to house the ice resurfacers, and washrooms.

AND WHEREAS Under the Laws of Nova Scotia, no person shall erect a permanent building on the Halifax Common without legislative authority.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT Halifax Regional Council approves the request for the necessary act of the Provincial Legislature authorizing the Municipality to erect a permanent building structure and common areas on the Halifax North Common required to house the Oval ice resurfacers, washrooms, equipment storage, and interior and exterior common areas.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly passed at the Council meeting of the Halifax Regional Municipality held on the day of 2012

Mayor

Clerk

Event	Theme	Comments
<p>Meeting #1 Sept. 20, 2010 Citadel High</p> <p>Public Attendance 12</p>	<p>Temporary Canada Games Oval Long Track Speed Skating</p> <p>Staff Presentation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Construction Schedule 2. Construction Progress 3. Facility Operations 4. Communications 	<p>Public Response</p> <p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great public project 2. Free public access 3. Concert with Canada Games <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will there be light pollution? 2. Will the chillers be noisy? 3. Too much money for a temporary oval 4. Could it be placed on another site?
<p>Meeting #2 Oct. 26 2011 Atlantica Hotel</p> <p>Public Attendance 75</p>	<p>Permanent Skating Oval, Temporary Facilities</p> <p>Open House Presentation Materials</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commons Masterplan 2. Schedule Phase 2 3. Features Phase 2, skate storage, Zamboni storage, mechanical/electrical, washrooms 4. Fly through images 5. PowerPoint of images <p>Public were asked to respond to 6 Questions –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what worked well - year round use - ideal oval experience - look and feel - buildings, public areas - future vision 	<p>Public Response</p> <p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free helmet and skates 2. Warming hut 3. Public events 4. Free skating <p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More seating 2. More rubber mats 3. Drop off zone for cars 4. Footwear storage 5. Vending more accessible <p>Other suggestions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Permanent washrooms 2. Remove fencing, it is ugly 3. Buildings should look historical or maritime 4. Space to relax 5. Trees to block wind 6. Possible summer uses – roller skating, inline skating, cycling, ball hockey, concerts
<p>Meeting #3 April 19 2012 Atlantica Hotel</p> <p>Public Attendance 44</p>	<p>PowerPoint presentation followed by World Café format</p> <p>Presentation Materials</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Background and Info 2. Feedback from Open House of 2011 3. Schedule 	<p>Public Response</p> <p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free skating 2. Improved safety on commons 3. Unprogrammed activities 4. Green ideas – solar, rainwater recovery etc 5. Accessible for all

	<p>4. Site Development concept 5. Building Program of Spaces 6. Year round programming</p>	<p>Cons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More consideration of summer activities for the design of the building and site 2. More public space in building 3. Multi-year construction <p>Other suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don't "over design buildings" 2. Use local food vendors 3. Building should relate more to street and less on oval 4. Slow down the process
<p>Online Survey October 2011 to March 2012 Hits 2,755</p>	<p>13 question areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use 2. What worked well 3. Improvements? 4. Year round options 5. Ideal oval experience 6. The Architecture of the building and site amenities 7. Importance of the buildings 8. Rating of the amenities 9. Public areas 10. Comments? 11. Gender 12. Age 13. Postal Code 	<p>Public Response</p> <p>Pros:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Free skating, skates and helmet rental 2. Schedule 3. Portable washrooms <p>Other suggestions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Building design = traditional 38% 2. Building design = modern 25% 3. Rating of amenities – washrooms = 69%, oval information = 68%, skate/helmet free = 58%, rubber mats = 48%, seating 45%
<p>Social Media</p>	<p>Facebook Twitter</p>	<p>1,663 people "like" SkateHRM 1,343 Followers</p>

For all the graphic materials, public responses, and online Oval survey, please refer to <http://www.halifax.ca/skatehrm/>

Attachment C – Concept Site Plan

