



Re: Item No. 12.1

Request for Council's Consideration

- Included on Agenda**
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Thursday)
- Added Item**
(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)
- Request from the Floor**

Date of Council Meeting: April 15th, 2014

Subject: Requesting Staff Report on a means to donate \$10,000 to Fall River Minor Football, prior to June 30, 2014

Motion:

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on a means to donate \$10,000 to Fall River Minor Football prior to June 30, 2014 to finish topsoil and hydro-seed a new community multi-purpose sports field at High Road and Kinclaven Road in Fall River.

Reason:

Developer of Lockview St. and St. Andrew's Village Subdivisions owns four to six acres of land at this location. For thirty years, dump and fill from building homes was disposed of here and has remained an eye sore since. The developer has offered the land to HRM for \$1.00. However, HRM has expressed that they have no interest in purchasing the land. A year ago, Fall River Minor Football entered into a five year lease of the field for \$1.00 with the developer and more recently, Minor Football extended their lease to ten years.

The local community fully supports this project and wants this field built. Minor Football and community members have had over four hundred truck loads of fill donated to the field, have had various heavy machinery donated to level off the grounds, have bought their own goal posts/equipment and volunteers have contributed thousands of dollars in labour and work.

I have tried to have this approved through the Parks and Recreation Budget, but was too late last fall. I have tried the Grants Committee, but was turned down because HRM doesn't own the property. I then applied to use \$10,000.00 from my Councillors District Capital Fund, but was denied by finance, as they feel ownership issues won't allow this use of funds.

Outcome Sought:

Fall River Minor Football has run out of money and they require a minimum of \$10,000.00 prior to June 30th to complete topsoil and hydro-seeding, so that they are able have the field open by September 1st, 2014 – this fall.

- A) Owner is willing to lease or sell the land to HRM for \$1.00, but HRM has said they aren't interested.**
- B) Community has a ten year lease which shows long time control and commitment**
- C) HRM has precedence from just three years ago when we built a \$400,000.00 baseball field on lands leased by Waverley Sports Park.**

Councillor Barry Dalrymple

District 1