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Halifax Regional Council  
August 20, 2002

**TO:** Mayor Peter Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council



**SUBMITTED BY:** 

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Karen MacTavish, Director, Parks and Recreation Services

**DATE:** August 16, 2002

**SUBJECT:** 

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All Weather Turf Facilities

### INFORMATION REPORT

#### ORIGIN

As indicated to Regional Council at the In-Camera Session of July 16, 2002, staff were to report back to Regional Council on the status of the Request for Proposal for the All-weather Turf Facilities.

#### BACKGROUND

The Request for Proposal closed on July 24, 2002 with three companies bidding for the project. Those bids came from Ocean Contractors Limited utilizing the Prestige product, Dexter Construction Company Limited utilizing the Astroplay product, and Turf Masters Landscaping Limited utilizing the field turf product.

#### DISCUSSION

Staff is presently in the evaluation process. Proponents had been asked for further financial information which was provided on August 12, 2002. The prices from the Proponents for the large field (150 meters X 110 meters) and the smaller field (150 meters X 73 meters) at this time range between \$2,200,000.00 to \$3,000,000.00. Staff is continuing to evaluate the technical and financial factors in conjunction with the impacts associated with our natural turf fields. Staff is also preparing a financial forecast for the various options as well as performing reference checks

and/or site visitations within the next three weeks. Upon completion, staff will negotiate with the successful Proponent in order to firm up a total cost for presentation to Council in September.

It is the hope of staff to receive Council approval in the fall so that work can begin to prepare the Halifax site in the fall and then to have the all-weather surface installed in the spring of 2003.

In reference to the Dartmouth site, DND has approached the Municipality to determine if there is interest in acquiring part or all of the Shannon Park site. HRM has officially notified the Federal Government ( DND/Canada Lands ) of the Municipality's interest in the Shannon Park property. Members of staff have been assigned to negotiate with them in early September. In regards to the Home for Colored Children site, staff is continuing negotiations. Staff would like to clarify that the land figures put forward in July included extension of sewer services servicing along Main Street and Old Miller Road. These figures would be subject to cost sharing of the abutting land owners and other municipal funding as this would be part of a larger municipal initiative when sewer services are extended into this area.

#### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

#### **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, and the Parks and Recreation 2002/03 Business Plan.

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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