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BACKGROUND

At the January 21, 2003 Council meeting, RFP # 02-079 - All Weather Turf Facilities was awarded for the Halifax Mainland Commons. In making the recommendation to award the RFP, within the allocated budget, staff eliminated some project elements and indicated that they be phased in future years.

Based on this information Council requested that staff investigate and determine the capability for funding of the bleacher system within the current capital budget as it was felt that bleachers may be a necessary component of the project's first phase.

DISCUSSION

The bleacher funding requirement is based on the portable aluminum bleacher systems requested in the RFP. The cost estimates for the bleacher systems are as follows:

1. 500 seats - \$45,000.00
2. 1000 seats - \$85,000.00

Staff looked at the number of times when a full 1000 seats would be required at the Mainland Common Field and concluded that 500 to 600 seats would be a prudent number for the current phase of this project. For the times when additional seating is required existing portable bleachers and /or planned Special Events bleachers could be utilized to augment the proposed seating.

The Mainland Common bleachers will be tendered separately in accordance with the previous report.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with HRM's Multi-Year Financial Plan double entry system any additions to the current capital budget must be offset by a reduction in an existing project or be funded from another source. After a thorough review of the current capital funding capability, staff have come to the conclusion that the projects remaining in the current capital budget should be completed and that existing reserves are required as buffer for other capital project and operating budget risk.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy.

ALTERNATIVES

Council could determine to fund the bleachers through reserves. This is not the recommended course of action for reasons mentioned above.

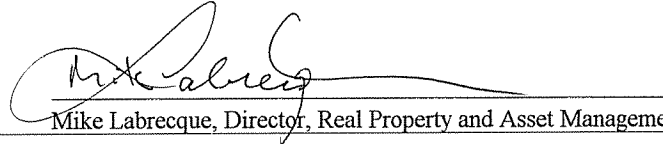
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