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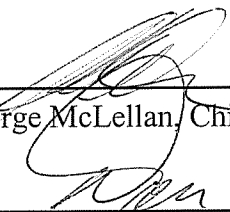


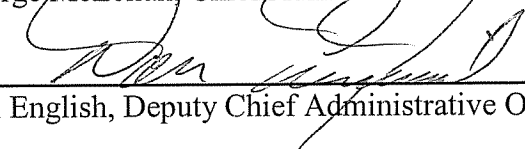
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**Halifax Regional Council**  
**September 23, 2003**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
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George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer

  
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Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** September 11, 2003

**SUBJECT:** **Capital Budget Increase - Cost Sharing**  
**St. Margaret's Bay Elementary School**

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**ORIGIN**

In accordance with the Municipal Government Act, any increases to the Capital Budget must be approved by Council.

An increase is being requested to the Capital Budget, Account # CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget to Capital Account No. CPC00303, Playground Upgrades & Replacements by \$17,500.00, with no change to the Net Budget, to reflect the cost sharing from the St. Margaret's Bay Elementary School and PTO, as per the Background Section of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The St Margaret's Bay Elementary School project was approved for \$20,000 under Capital Account No. CPC00303 - Playground Upgrades & Replacements. During the design process staff was made aware of an additional \$17,500.00 in cost sharing. This cost sharing is comprised of \$10,500.00 realized through the funding raising efforts of the St. Margaret's Bay Elementary School, and payments made directly to the group in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Councillor Reg Rankin's District 22 Capital Funds and \$5,000.00 from Councillor Gary Meade's District 23 Capital Funds. These funds have since been committed by the St. Margaret's Bay Elementary School and PTO towards the project.

Since the opening of the St. Margaret's Bay Elementary, four years ago, the PTO have played an active role in the development of the school and playground which has benefited the community.

## **DISCUSSION**

Currently, this project is in the first phase of development will see the installation of play equipment and is scheduled to be completed this year. The second phase of the project will include additional play equipment and will proceed as funding sources are identified.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget of Capital Account No. CPC00303, Playground Upgrades & Replacements, in the amount of \$17,500, to reflect the cost sharing commitment from St. Margaret's Bay Elementary School and PTO will not change the Net Budget.

## **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.

## **REGIONAL PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

No impact.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

Council may choose to not increase the Capital Budget This would result in a reduced scope of work and thereby not meeting the client expectations. This is not the recommended alternative.

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