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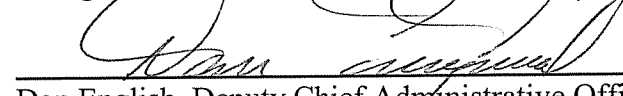
Halifax Regional Council
November 4, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



George McLellan, Chief Administrative Officer



Dan English, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: October 16, 2003

SUBJECT: **Capital Budget Increase - Cost Sharing**

ORIGIN

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that :

1. Council approve an increase in the Gross Capital Budget in the amount of \$ 180,477.77 with no change to the Net Budget, as outlined in the table in the Discussion section of this report.

BACKGROUND

Each year during the capital budget preparation, staff identifies and incorporates all known cost sharing opportunities the capital projects submission. However, every year additional opportunities become apparent after budget approval from various sources. Some of the cost sharing sources include such organizations as the Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation Commission (Recreation Facilities Capital Grant Program), community groups, corporate sponsorship, development agreements, and school parent groups.

DISCUSSION

When additional funding is received for a project, after the approval of the capital budget, staff is required under the Municipal Government Act to obtain Council's approval to increase the capital budget. Approval is usually done on a project to project bases, however, with the number of projects presently receiving cost sharing staff determined that a collective report to Council would prove to be a more time efficient manner in requesting approval for this increase. The table below outlines the projects, funding sources and the capital budget account numbers impacted by the requested increase.

Project Name	Capital Account #	Funding Source	Amount	Revised Project Budget
Beechville- Lakeville- Timberlea	CPC00303 (Res # 388)	Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation	\$3,000.00	\$45,000.00
Sycamore School	CPC00303 (Res # 109)	Sycamore School	\$9,300.00	\$34,300.00
Upper Sackville Recreational Facility	CPC00304 (Res # 422)	Springfield Lake Recreation Association	\$8,000.00	\$48,000.00
Halifax Mainland Commons	CPC00678	Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation	\$10,000.00	2,131,206.00
Heritage Hills - Phase 5	CPC00680	Development Agreement 02-42931-0000-000-999- 99	\$5,000.00	\$21,500.00

Project Name	Capital Account #	Funding Source	Amount	Revised Project Budget
Pinehill Park	CPC00680	Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation	\$30,000.00	\$90,000.00
Portland Estates - Portland Hills	CPC00677	Development Agreement 02-42931-0000-000-999-99	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Lake Echo Community Park and Playground	CPC00677 (Res # 74)	Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation	\$15,000.00	\$45,000.00
Millwood High School	CPR00327	Millwood High School	\$5,177.77	\$5,177.77
North End Community Outdoor Skating Rink	CPC00327 (Res # 326)	Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00
Portland Estates Trails Association	CPC00467 (Res # 113)	Nova Scotia Sport & Recreation	\$10,000.00	\$33,634.00
Total Increase to Gross Capital Budget:			\$180,477.77	
Recap of budget increases to each Capital Account: \$180,477.77				
CPC00303 - \$12,300.00	CPC00304 - \$ 8,000.00	CPC00467 - \$10,000.00		
CPC00677 - \$75,000.00	CPC00678 - \$10,000.00	CPC00680 - \$35,000.00		
CPR00327 - \$30,177.77				

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the approved Gross Capital Budget as reflected in the Discussion section of this report will not change the Net Budget.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

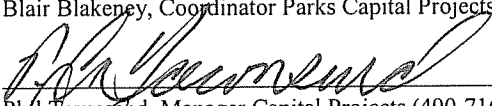
This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

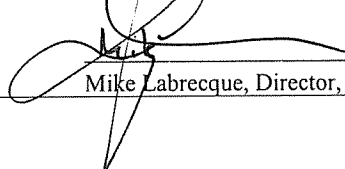
ALTERNATIVES

There are no alternatives.

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