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## Federal funds provide boost for local recreation

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The federal government announced yesterday almost \$1.6 million in funding for the construction or upgrades to five recreational sites in HRM.

The funding announced yesterday by Defence Minister Peter MacKay includes \$1 million to Soccer Nova Scotia, which is designing and building an indoor soccer facility on Mainland Common in Clayton Park

The Dartmouth Sportsplex is receiving \$320,000 for upgrades to increase the facility's energy efficiency.

Other investments include \$200,000 towards the improvement of a six-kilometre stretch of pathways in Portland Hills, \$36,000 for a new four-season multipurpose centre for the Big Cove YMCA Camp and over \$26,000 to the Banook Canoe Club for building facelifts.

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