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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed by 
Jacques Dubé, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: April 2, 2019

SUBJECT: Tallahassee Community Recreation Centre, Phase 2 Renovations

ORIGIN

March 5, 2019 Motion of Council, Councilor Bill Karsten:

That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report in regard to proposed phase 2 Renovations at Tallahassee Community Recreation Centre with consideration for inclusion in the 2020-2021 Capital Budget.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

7A The purposes of the Municipality are to

...
(b) provide services, facilities and other things that, in the opinion of the Council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the Municipality; and...

...

79A (1) ... the Municipality may only spend money for municipal purposes if

(a) the expenditure is included in the Municipality's operating budget or capital budget or is otherwise authorized by the Municipality;...

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Halifax Regional Council direct the CAO to include the Phase 2 renovations for the Tallahassee Community Recreation Centre as part of the 2020/2021 Capital Budget process and prioritize this facility against other capital priorities for recreation facilities in that process.

BACKGROUND

The Tallahassee Community Recreation Centre is part of the Tallahassee Community School for which HRM has a Joint Use Agreement with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (formerly the Halifax Regional School Board).

The Tallahassee Community Recreation Centre provides a wide range of recreation services to the surrounding community. In 2012, a recreation needs assessment was completed to understand residents' needs in the Eastern Passage region. Following the completion of the assessment, the report confirmed that the Tallahassee Recreation Centre is an integral component in the provision of services in this region.

Based on the results of the assessment, some renovations (Phase 1) to deal with State of Good Repair items were completed at this centre in 2017 with funding from HRM Capital and ACOA – Canada 150 Infrastructure Program. New windows, accessible front desk area, refurbishment of the entrance area, and kitchen renovations were completed. The total value of work completed in Phase 1 was \$ 292,000.

DISCUSSION

During the planning phase for the Phase 1 project, additional improvement items were identified, but determined to be out of scope at that time.

Corporate Facility Design and Construction Staff have met with Parks & Recreation staff at this centre to determine the additional work required to meet the recreation needs.

The following items were identified for the Phase 2 renovation:

- Exterior vestibule to control heat loss in the building
- LED lighting upgrades
- New exterior windows in program room
- New flooring in program rooms
- Interior finishes for program rooms such as mirrors and ballet bar
- Washroom upgrades, including accessibility improvements
- Interior painting
- Asphalt parking lot repairs

Structural analysis will need to be completed to determine if additional windows can be added to the exterior wall of the centre.

If directed by Regional Council to proceed, staff will complete a detailed analysis of this scope of work and determine the budget impact to be included in the 2020/21 Capital Budget process.

Staff has consulted with the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE), who has confirmed their agreement with the Phase 2 renovations and upgrades proceeding on the Tallahassee Community Centre side of the building in the 2020/21 fiscal year. It is their understanding that there will be no cost impact of this work for the HRCE.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Approval to include this project in the 2020/2021 Capital Budget process could result in other projects being delayed, if this project ranks higher in priorities. There are limited funds available for the Capital Budget; therefore, this project will be ranked against overall HRM priorities.

RISK CONSIDERATION

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this Report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There was no public consultation completed regarding the recommendations of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no Environmental Implications as part of this report.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Regional Council could decline to include this project in the Capital Budget process.
2. Regional Council could direct the CAO to include the Phase 2 renovations for the Tallahassee Community Recreation Centre as part of the Capital Budget process for a future year and prioritize this facility against other capital priorities for recreation facilities in that process.

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

A copy of this report can be obtained online at halifax.ca or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210.

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