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Item No. 11.2.1

Request for Council's Consideration		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one week prior to meeting)	<input type="checkbox"/> Added Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request from the Floor
Date of Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th, 2020		
Subject: Fall River Turf Project at Lockview Highschool		
Motion for Council to Consider:		
That Halifax Regional Council request for a staff report on the feasibility of HRM leading the Fall River Turf Project at Lockview High School in Fall River to upgrade the existing natural field to a multi-use artificial turf facility.		
Reason:		
The multi-use artificial turf facility will provide a safe, inclusive, accessible place for both physical and mental activity for citizens and community members of all ages, genders cultures, ethnicities and abilities, as well as an incorporated indigenous space.		
The Fall River Turf Project is a community led initiative, supported by 1700 community members from Fall River, Sackville and Bedford who had submitted a petition as well as 15 letters of support from community members and local sport organizations.		
For further information, please refer to the October 8, 2020 Fall River Turf Committee meeting minutes (attachment 1).		
Outcome Sought:		
A staff report outlining the feasibility of HRM staff taking the lead on the Fall River Turf project and exploring all available opportunities for funding (federal and provincial funding opportunities that are time sensitive) to have completed as soon as possible.		
<i>Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon</i>		<i>District 1</i>

**FALL RIVER TURF
(FRT) MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday October 8, 2020

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Turtleback Tap & Grill (3187 Highway 2, Fall River, NS)

Chair: Rita Nigam

Members in Attendance:

FRT Committee Members

Rita Nigam (RN)
Peter Crowe (PC, President,
Suburban FC)
Troy DeVenne (TD, Chair, LHS SAC)
Cindy Renouf (CR)
Sara Wood (SW)
Barbara MacLean (BM)
Barry Cox (BC)

Community Members

Darrell Samson (DS, MP)
Ducan Roberston (DR, MP Office)
Bill Horne (BH, MLA)
Councillor Steve Streach (SS, HRM)
Kelly MacLeod (KM, Principal, LHS)

Regret(s):

Donna Huestis (DH, FRT committee member)

MEETING MINUTES:

ITEM	DATE TO BE COMPLETED
<p>Round Table Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All three levels of government support this community initiative • BH/MLA has discussed this project with Minister Glavine and with Andrea Redmond at the province 	Not Applicable
<p>Background and Update on Fall River Turf Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a community enhancement project at Lockview High School (LHS) to UPGRADE the existing natural field to a multi-sport artificial turf facility and provide a safe, inclusive accessible place for both physical and mental activity for citizens of all ages, genders, cultures, ethnicity and ability. It will also incorporate an Indigenous space. • This is a community initiative. The initial proposal included a petition of 1700 signatures from Fall River, Sackville and Bedford. It also included 15 letters of support including the NS Chief Medical Officer who lives in the community and various sport associations, Challenger Baseball, HRCE Indigenous support worker and FRABA. The Councilor and the committee met with most of the sport and community associations in December 2019 and they expressed the need for this community project. • The health and well-being of Canadians are the top priority for government during COVID-19 pandemic however so is the economy and the Fall River Turf field project would create employment opportunities and economic growth for local business and a safe place for physical and mental activity for the well-being of our community. • Grants such as the Canadian Infrastructure program to fund stimulus projects and the COVID-19 Resilience Stream are available and this project seems to be eligible for upgrades to outdoor recreational spaces. • An example of funding that has already been announced under this stream in Spryfield where all three levels of government worked together to support a building of a Clubhouse during COVID-19. Please refer to following link for more details: https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2020/09/canada-nova-scotia-and-halifax-regional-municipality-invest-in-the-graves-oakley-field-clubhouse-for-spryfield-athletes-and-residents.html • After the December 2019 meeting with sport and community associations it was decided to have a Council vote in spring 2020 for HRM staff to work on the project however this did not occur. This plan should move forward with the support from the other two levels of government for stimulus funding. 	Not Applicable

<p>Open Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRM staff commented that artificial turf fields are underutilized during business hours, while children are in school, but if motion was approved through Council they would work on the project. Since this turf field is adjacent to a high school the LHS physical education department and school sport teams would use the turf field during the day. • The current field results in many sport injuries and it is difficult to maintain high performance athletes/teams in the community. Often athletes have to change high schools to be closer to infrastructure that enable the development in their sport. • The existing field is not open in the Spring until June 1 and in the Fall is not suitable to use due to the inclement weather in Nova Scotia. An artificial turf field will allow 8-10 months of usage for LHS students, sport associations and the community. The additional space will allow for COVID-19 friendly activity and supports social distancing. • LHS sport teams and sport associations have to travel a distance (up to 40 km) to other communities to access other artificial turf fields, which is not inclusive to local community members or establishing green communities. • Fall River is a fast growing community, largest provincial riding and reaching critical mass but no infrastructure to support the large catchment area. • Fall River is one of the highest paying tax communities yet has minimal infrastructure. • Project estimated cost of 3.5 M includes artificial turf field facility and track. Additional cost for access road for emergency response vehicles and parking. • Handover to HRCE should be completed soon. Mr Armoyan the owner of the P3 school, released the land in April 2019 in a letter to start construction of a turf facility. • Time is of the essence as the federal funding available to the project under the COVID-19 Community Resilience Stream requires that construction begin by Sept 30, 2021. This funding can cover up to 80% of eligible projects. If we wait for the Municipal outdoor field strategy plan to be presented next spring, funding will no longer be available, and the project will not be viable. • Present the motion to Council eliciting the support of other Councilors. Councilor Lisa Blackburn represents Beaver Bank students who attend LHS and Sackville community members who would certainly • use the turf field. • HRM staff to take the lead on this project. TIME IS CRITICAL 	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters of support from DS/MP and BH/MLA (Received, see attachment) • DS to receive in writing 75% support from ACOA for the engineering survey. The remainder of the cost to be provided by elected Councilor and Provincial Representative. • KM/Principal to confirm that the property is owned by HRCE and to provide TD a letter along with the school plans • SS to discuss the project with CAO/Jacque Dube • SS to put forth a Notice of Motion to Council to have a vote for this project to be on the agenda. Two weeks later the vote will occur. • RN to provide updated proposal to elected Councilor/Municipal Clerk • Elected Councilor(s) to bring the motion to Council to approve HRM staff to start working on the project • HRM/Councilor submits project to the province • Province/BH prioritizes projects and submits to Infrastructure Canada • Infrastructure Canada/DS reviews, validates eligibility and funding and seeks ministerial approval • Construction to begin 	<p>Oct 23, 2020 Oct 31, 2020</p> <p>Oct 31,2020</p> <p>Oct 31, 2020 Oct 31, 2020</p> <p>Oct 31, 2020 Mid-Nov 2020</p> <p>Mid-Dec, 2020</p> <p>Mid-Jan, 2021 Mid-Feb, 2021</p> <p>Sept 30, 2021</p>
<p>Next FRT meeting Nov/Dec 2020 (Date and time TBD)</p>	