

March 17, 2025

Eleanor Roulston
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Municipality of East Hants
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RE: School Playground Recapitalization

Dear Warden Roulston:

Your letter of January 28, 2025, to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development regarding the replacement of school playground equipment, was forwarded to me for response.

With each new school build, the province provides an allocation that funds setting up outdoor play spaces as part of the construction project. Often the playground budget is enhanced by communities as they look to make additional facilities available to the community. Once schools are delivered, they come under the operational jurisdiction of the education entity that operates the school.

Each year the Regional Centres for Education (RCEs), including the Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education (CCRCE), send a list of priority minor capital projects to be included in the plan for the following year. The typical projects requested are building related. For example, heating plant, window or roof upgrades.

Over the last two years, there has been an increase in the annual funding for minor capital projects to help extend the life of our existing school. With this increased funding we have moved forward from performing a few select projects each year to supporting over 50 last year and are on track to complete a similar amount this year. The presented budget for 2025-2026 includes the same amount for Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) Upgrades.

Thank you for your email. If you have concerns with a specific playground, please do not hesitate to contact the CCRCE Operations Department.

Sincerely,



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