

Status of the WAAC Project to Renovate the Dry Canteen on Sackville Street:

To all Donors of The WAAC project:

On July 5th, 2010, HRM staff requested a meeting with members of the WAAC and representatives of the Halifax Rugby Football Club and the Halifax Tars Rugby Club to inform them that they are recommending to HRM council to suspend previously approved funding toward the restoration of the Wanderers' Grounds Field House. A similar request for suspension of funding has been sent concurrently to the Federal RinC Sports infrastructure program, a funding partner in the project.

We were informed that a follow up assessment concluded that recent discovery of asbestos and mould, in combination with a much-accelerated deterioration of the basic structure, had created a situation where escalating restoration costs could not be contained by the funding partners. In light of this development, and revised cost estimates that escalated from \$900,000 to \$2.1 million, the WAAC had little option but support staff's recommendation on this initiative. HRM staff informed the WAAC that other alternatives would be developed.

At present, we await confirmation from HRM staff of alternatives.

Your Option of receiving a Refund:

In the meantime, in the interests of our donors and supporters of the original WAAC Field House Restoration Project, we are in a position where we are offering you, the option of;

1. a full refund of your donation or
2. maintaining your gift to the WAAC to be used for charitable purposes at the WAAC's discretion.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: Implications if you choose a refund, and have claimed or have planned to claim this on your Revenue Canada Tax Return:

2009 Tax year: If you choose a refund, you will have to amend and re-file your 2009 tax return to reflect the change if you claimed that gift as a charitable donation on that tax return.

2010 Tax year: If you choose a refund, you will need to discard the charitable tax receipt that you received as it will be no longer valid.

Timing of your response:

We request the favour of your response by **OCTOBER 31st, 2010**. Every effort will be made to contact you well in advance of that date. If, however, we do not hear from you, we will assume that you have chosen to leave your donation with us. (Please understand that HRM has given us a limited window to identify any incremental re-imbursable costs associated with refunds, hence the late October deadline.)

How to Contact Us:

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The trust that you have given us with your donations will not be compromised. For further updates and developments, we ask that you consult this website, where we will be keeping our communication to our supporters current.

WAAC Committee
September 21, 2010