

South Side Renewal Plan Accommodation Review

Public Meeting

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Lakehead
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Schools

Welcome and Introductions

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South Side Accommodation Review - Overview

Initial Staff Report - February 2016

- ▶ Administration presented the initial staff report to Trustees, which presented several options to manage excess space in our schools and to respond to the changes in the government funding model.
- ▶ Trustees voted to establish an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) to study the proposed options for Agnew H. Johnston, Edgewater Park, Sir Winston Churchill and Westgate.

Initial Staff Report - South Side Renewal

Proposed Accommodation Option

- ▶ Close Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute and accommodate all secondary students on the south side of the city at an updated and renovated Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute.
- ▶ Construct a new elementary school on the Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute site to accommodate students from Agnew H. Johnston and Edgewater Park Public Schools.

Accommodation Review Committee

- ▶ Membership of the ARC includes parents and staff, secondary students, members of School Board advisory committees, and one trustee who acts as an ad hoc member.
- ▶ An orientation session for the ARC and two working meetings have been held to date.
- ▶ The Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) serves as a conduit for the school community to communicate with Trustees throughout the public consultation period.

First ARC Public Meeting

- ▶ The first public meeting for the south side ARC was held on April 7th at Westgate CVI.
- ▶ Parents/guardians and members of the public raised questions and provided feedback about the recommended accommodation options.
- ▶ Information gathered at the public meetings will be submitted to trustees as part of the final staff report.

ARC Working Meetings

- ▶ The ARC held a working meeting following the first public meeting.
- ▶ Committee members considered the input and questions they have received and determined a number of themes from the information that was presented.
- ▶ At the most recent working meeting, school community representatives, as well as representatives from SEAC and AEAC presented feedback gathered from their stakeholders about the options presented in the initial staff report.

Gathering Additional Feedback

- ▶ Affected Municipalities, First Nations, and other community partners were invited to a meeting with administration to provide feedback on the options presented in the initial staff report.
- ▶ Parents and guardians of students with special needs were invited to a meeting with administration and staff from the special education department to provide feedback and ask questions specifically related to special education, transitions, and the renewal plan.

Gathering Feedback/Ongoing Communication

- ▶ The renewal section of our website is been updated regularly as are Facebook and Twitter.
- ▶ FAQs are regularly updated on our website.
- ▶ Staff responds to questions and comments that are sent to renewal@lakeheadschoools.ca.
- ▶ Stakeholders were surveyed for input about information presented at the first public meeting. There were 1016 respondents to the survey.
- ▶ Student ARC representatives created a survey for students in Grades 7-12. There were 2316 respondents to the survey.

Next Steps

- ▶ Today is the final ARC public meeting for the south side.
- ▶ There will be one final ARC working meeting on June 13th.
- ▶ The Final Staff Report will be presented to Trustees on June 23, 2016.
- ▶ Delegations to the Board will occur during the week of September 12th.
- ▶ The Final Staff Report will be presented again to Trustees on October 4th when they will make the final decision.

Final Staff Report - June 23, 2016

The final staff report presented to Trustees at the Special Board Meeting on June 23rd will contain:

- ▶ One final recommendation for pupil accommodation on the south side of the city.
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- ▶ A "Community Consultation" section which will contain the information collected by the Accommodation Review Committee.

Delegations to the Board of Trustees

Delegations will be scheduled during the week of September 12th.

Delegations will provide an opportunity for stakeholder groups to provide feedback to Trustees about the recommendations that are contained in the final staff report that is presented in June.

Further information regarding delegations will be posted on our website once delegation parameters are finalized.

Final Staff Report - October 4, 2016

- ▶ The final staff report in October will contain the same recommendations as the report that is presented in June.
- ▶ Included in the community consultation section will be the feedback received by Trustees at the September delegations.
- ▶ Trustees will make the final pupil accommodation decision at the October 4, 2016 Special Board Meeting.

Business Case Submissions

- ▶ Once a decision has been made by Trustees, administration will submit business cases to the Ministry of Education to request for funding for the proposed projects.
- ▶ The business case that was submitted for the Hyde Park / Kingsway Park consolidation was supported by the Ministry and granted \$6 million in funding.

Potential Construction and Renovation

- ▶ Elementary New Build
 - ▶ The design and scope of the project will be determined by Ministry benchmarks for funding new construction (eg-classroom size, school size).
 - ▶ We intend to model the design of the new school after the design of Woodcrest Public School which is our most recent new build and is a successful elementary school.
 - ▶ Input from the school community, including from staff, will be an important part of the design process once Trustees have made a final decision.
 - ▶ Should timelines be extended, students will remain in their home schools.

Potential Construction and Renovation

- ▶ Updates to Westgate CVI
 - ▶ Proposed renovations and an addition to Westgate would include:
 - ▶ Expanded student and staff parking;
 - ▶ The addition of a cafetorium with drama classroom;
 - ▶ 2 new classrooms;
 - ▶ Interior and exterior façade upgrades, elevator upgrades;
 - ▶ Renovations to the main office, expansion of staff room and student services;
 - ▶ The conversion of the current exercise room in the tech wing to a tech classroom;
 - ▶ Upgrading the library to an “internet café”;
 - ▶ Landscaping and adding seating to the courtyard;
 - ▶ Repurposing the current cafeteria as an exercise room.
 - ▶ Anticipated cost: \$4.1 million

Transition Process

- ▶ The mandate of the Transition Committee will be to organize an action plan for the smooth transition for all concerned.
- ▶ The Transition Committee will ensure the impacted communities are informed of the integration process.

Questions and Comments

If you would like to ask a question or make a comment:

- ▶ You may line up at a mic;
- ▶ You may use the cards provided and write down your questions and comments and they will be read by the moderator;
- ▶ You may leave a question or comment at the end of the evening;
- ▶ You may go online and provide questions & comments at renewal@lakeheadschoools.ca.