

North Side Renewal Plan Accommodation Review

Public Meeting

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Lakehead
Public
Schools

Welcome and Introductions

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North 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.

North Side Renewal - Proposed Accommodation Options

Option 1

- ▶ Close Hammarskjold High School. Construct an addition onto Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute to accommodate all secondary students on the north side of the city.
- ▶ Close C.D. Howe and St. James. Construct an addition onto Vance Chapman to receive students from C.D. Howe and St. James.

Option 2

- ▶ Close Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute. Accommodate all secondary students on the north side of the city at a renovated and updated Hammarskjold High School.
- ▶ Close C.D. Howe, St. James and Vance Chapman Public Schools. Renovate Superior to create a new elementary school that will accommodate students from the three closed sites.

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 north side ARC was held on April 11th at Superior 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 16th.
- ▶ 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 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.

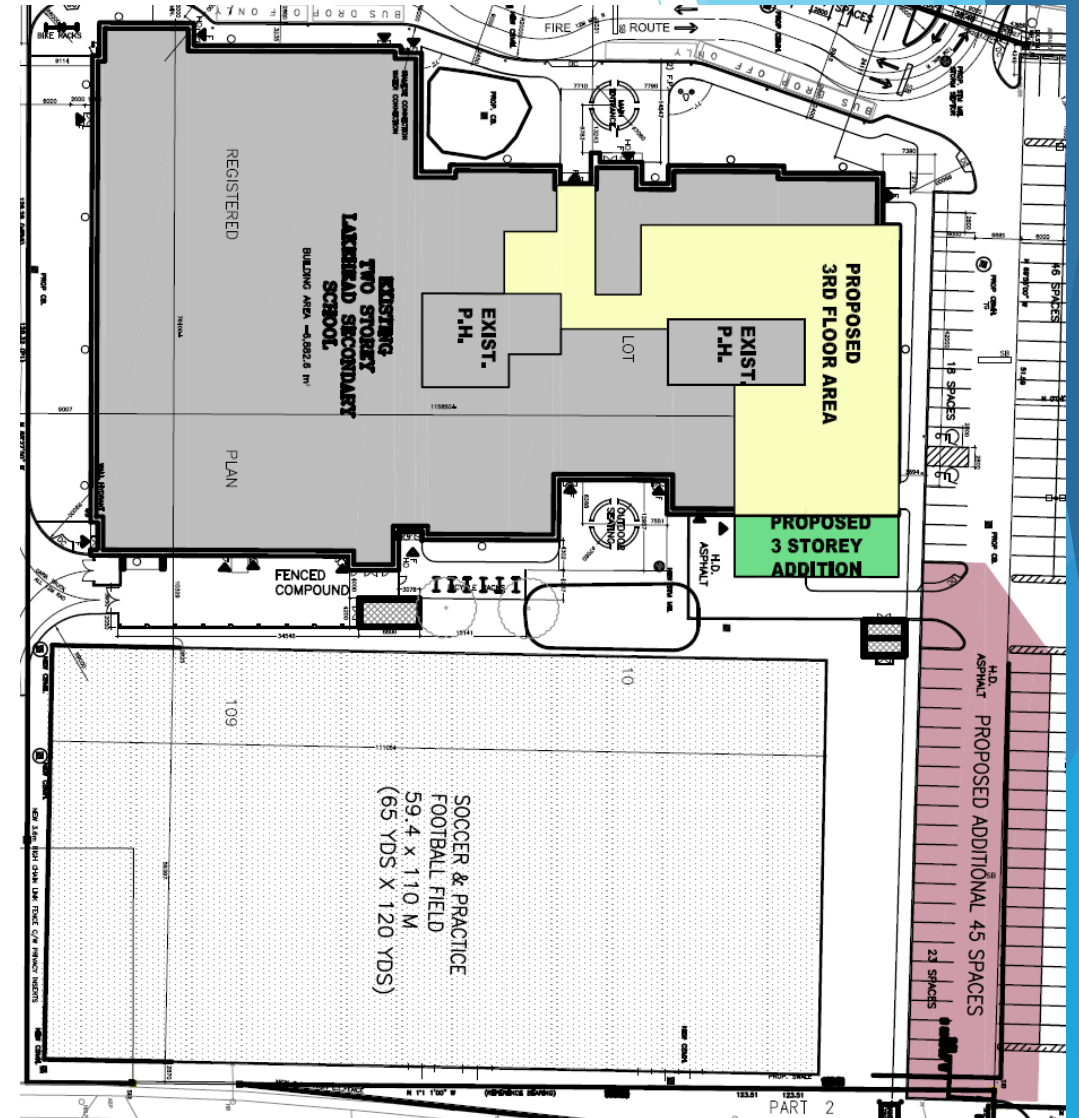
Potential Construction and Renovations - Option 1

Superior CVI renovations:

- a 3-story addition out the back of the building and the addition of a 3rd storey
- Additional parking

New classroom space would include:

- 3 inter-connected special needs classrooms with a sensory room, kitchen, washroom and dedicated entrance
- additional music and practice room
- additional exercise room
- cosmetology classroom
- Hearing Unit classroom



Potential Construction and Renovations - Option 1

Vance Chapman Renovations:

- ▶ 8 classrooms
- ▶ 2 Kindergarten Classrooms
- ▶ Auxiliary gymnasium
- ▶ Elevator



Potential Construction and Renovations - Option 2

Hammarskjold renovations:

- classroom renovations
- the addition of a cafetorium including drama classroom
- interior painting
- ceiling tile and lighting replacement and upgrades
- exterior façade and vestibule improvements at the main and south entrances
- renovations to the main office, staff room and student services
- repurposing the existing cafeteria to accommodate communication technology and media programs.



Potential Construction and Renovations - Option 2

Superior renovations (elementary):

- 3 inter-connected special needs classrooms with a sensory room, washroom, kitchen and dedicated entrance
- 4 Kindergarten Classrooms including outdoor play area
- Childcare Space including outdoor play area and dedicated entrance
- Reclaiming part of the parking lot to expand the playground and greenspace
- Relocating the library and renovating existing library space



Construction and Renovation Cost Comparison

Option 1

- ▶ Estimated Construction Costs:
 - ▶ Superior: \$5.9 million
 - ▶ Vance Chapman: \$4.3 million
- ▶ Estimated Total Construction Cost:
\$10.2 million

Option 2

- ▶ Estimated Renovation Costs:
 - ▶ Hammarskjold: \$3.9 million
 - ▶ Superior: \$2.1 million
- ▶ Estimated Total Renovation Cost:
\$6 million

5-Year Renewal Needs Comparison

Option 1

- ▶ Estimated Renewal Costs:
 - ▶ Superior: \$595,000
 - ▶ Vance Chapman: \$955,000
- ▶ Estimated Total Cost:
\$1.55 million

Option 2

- ▶ Estimated Renewal Costs:
 - ▶ Hammarskjold: \$2.66 million
 - ▶ Superior: \$595,000
- ▶ Estimated Total Cost:
\$3.25 million

Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions

The five schools that are being studied in the North Side Renewal Plan currently produce 1692.8 metric tonnes (mt) of greenhouse gas.

- ▶ Option 1 would remove an estimated 959 mt of greenhouse gas.
- ▶ Option 2 would remove an estimated 630 mt of greenhouse gas.

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.

Childcare Update

- ▶ Locations of child cares will be finalized once the final accommodation decisions are made by Trustees in October.
- ▶ We continue to work closely with the child care operators and the Thunder Bay DSSAB to determine how to best meet the child care needs of our families.

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.