

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee of the Peel District School Board, held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 18:20 hours.

Members present:

David Green, Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker

Trustees also present:

Sue Lawton
Suzanne Nurse
Rick Williams

Members absent (apologies received):

Nokha Dakroub
Brad MacDonald

Administration:

Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services
(Executive Member)
Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Wendy Dowling, Associate Director, School Support Services
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Peter Joshua, Director of Education
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services

Marina Amin, Board Reporter

1. Approval of Agenda

Item 9.4, Transportation Update (oral), was added and a revised agenda circulated.

PB-09, moved by Robert Crocker, that the agenda, as amended, be approved.

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2/3rds' majority

2. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, January 8, 2018

PB-10, moved by Sue Lawton, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held January 8, 2018, be approved.

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4. STOPR - Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes, November 17, 2017

PB-11, moved by Stan Cameron, that the STOPR - Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes, dated November 17, 2017, be received.

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5. Ministry Approved Capital Funding for New Schools

Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright stated that the Board had submitted ten priority capital projects to the Ministry of Education by the deadline of September 8, 2017, the outcome of which has resulted in Ministry approval of two new schools, Elm Drive and Vales of Humber #1 Public Schools, for an estimated total capital funding of \$31,900,000. He advised that the estimated value of work, which includes approved childcare facilities at both schools, is subject to verification by the Ministry. Responding to a trustee's query about additional Ministry approval requirements, Controller Wright offered possible reasons, including the requirement that all school boards must now comply with the new Ministry approval process, despite a greater depth of experience acquired by GTA growth boards.

PB-12, moved by Rick Williams, that the report re Ministry Approved Capital Funding for New Schools, be received.

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6. Ministry Approved Capital Funding for Child Care Projects

Controller Wright reported that the Ministry of Education has approved capital funding for nine Child Care Projects, for a total of \$11,343,836. He stated that the nine projects listed in the report are subject to the new Ministry approval requirements, prior to commencement of construction. Taking these requirements into consideration, Controller Wright advised that efforts will be made to adhere to the completion schedule of Fall 2019.

The administration responded to trustees' questions of clarification regarding repurposing of Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School will take into consideration accommodation for Adult Education and Child Care; pairing of programs. A trustee asked for statistical data on children accessing the childcare programs, and remaining in Peel. Controller Wright responded that the information can be tracked.

PB-13, moved by Robert Crocker, that the report re Ministry Approved Capital Funding for Child Care Projects, be received.

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7. Application Status Update

Bianca Bielski, Manager of Planning Services, reviewed the list of development applications for the month of December 2017. She highlighted the Imperial Oil property at 70 Mississauga Road South, stating that 6 acres have been requested for a 650 Ministry Rated Capacity school, and that staff are currently in discussions with the land owners group. Responding to a trustee's questions, Controller Wright clarified the measures used to calculate anticipated yield. He indicated that growth in a community is closely monitored based on which, required adjustments are recommended through the Annual Planning Document.

PB-14, moved by Carrie Andrews, that the Application Status Update reports, be received.

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8. Transportation Update

Providing an update on transportation issues, Controller of Corporate Support Services, Thomas Tsung, stated that there are currently 62 schools experiencing bus delays on a daily basis, and the list includes Connestoga and Northwood Public Schools. He confirmed that bus drivers have been advised to communicate additional delays, and that reporting delays should be more accurate within the next week. Controller Tsung advised that the option of contracting private bus companies was explored, and this option can be pursued for an approximate cost of \$500 - \$750 per bus. He noted, however, that in addition to the cost being significantly higher, private bus companies are facing similar issues with drivers. Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Jaspal Gill stated that various options to ease the busing challenges were explored, and he outlined the pros and cons relating to each of these options. He noted that access to city transit is not possible for this school year, as pursuing this option would require the City to modify existing routes and conduct a feasibility assessment. Associate Director Gill outlined challenges that could arise from accessing a taxi service, including that drivers may not have the requisite First Aid or EpiPen usage training, taxis are not equipped with flashers to stop traffic for safety crossings, and parents may not feel comfortable using the service for younger children. He also spoke about the consideration of a travel allowance to parents. Associate Director Gill reported that a preliminary estimate of cost to pursue any of the above options for the rest of the school year would be approximately \$1 - 2 million. He clarified that no additional Ministry funding is expected to school boards for transportation

Trustees speaking thanked staff for their commitment in seeking solutions to the current transportation challenges. A trustee encouraged continued discussion with the City, and asked if some factual data can be provided to assist in discussions with City Council members. Another trustee suggested advocating for better service not only at the City, but provincial level as well. Jaspal Gill explained that Peel has outlined its concerns in a letter to the Minister, and that the advocacy campaign will soon be launched. A trustee shared anecdotal information regarding the busing challenges experienced in his community and confirmed his resolve to bring these concerns to his MPP at an upcoming meeting. It was also noted that the transportation concerns were raised at a recent Ontario Public School Boards' Association Symposium. Chair Green advised that this topic will be discussed at the STOPR meeting on February 13, 2018, and feedback from the meeting will be brought to this Committee.

8. Transportation Update (Continued)

PB-15, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the oral update report re Transportation, be received.

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9. Tender Activity Report

PB-16, moved by Sue Lawton, that Tender Activity Report for November 23, 2017 to January 23, 2018, be received.

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10. Vandalism Report

PB-17, moved by Sue Lawton, that Vandalism Report for November 2017, be received.

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11. Question Period

Trustee Cameron, asked about the possibility of holding a meeting at the G.W. Finlayson Field Centre sometime in the future.

12. Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

13. Adoption of the In Committee Report

PB-18, moved by Rick Williams, that the report of the In Committee Session re: Inder Heights Surplus Property - Update; Humberview Secondary School Sports Field – Update; Tender Activity Report for November 23, 2017 to January 23, 2018, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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14. Adjournment

PB-19, moved by Robert Crocker, that the meeting adjourn (19:15 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary