

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 Monday, January 9, 2017 at 18:30 hours.

Members present:

David Green, Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Brad MacDonald
Janet McDougald

Trustees also present:

Sue Lawton
Suzanne Nurse
Rick Williams

Member absent: (apologies received)

Nokha Dakroub

Administration:

Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services (Executive Member)
David Neale, Controller, Corporate Support Services (Executive Back-up Member)
Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Jeff deFreitas, Coordinating Superintendent
Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services
Joe Weinberg, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Approval of Agenda

PB-01, moved by Stan Cameron, that the agenda, be approved.

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2. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, November 7, 2016

PB-02, moved by Stan Cameron, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held November 7, 2016, be approved.

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4. STOPR – Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes, September 23, 2016

Referring to the Minutes, a trustee drew attention to statements regarding 21 bus drivers reduced in the Streetsville and Meadowvale area, and advised that Zone 4 continues to experience transportation problems with buses often arriving late, resulting in students having to wait outside in cold temperatures. Controller Neale explained that the carrier was replaced at the beginning of the year and did not perform well at the start, however, service has improved over time. Outlining protocol to be followed when buses are late, he advised that students should report late arrival of buses to the vice-principal, and STOPR will investigate. Chair Green advised that if the school principal is made aware that the bus will be late, Synervoice calls are usually made to notify parents, and parents can also sign up for notification through the STOPR website. It was noted that this system may not be helpful when parents and students are already on the road.

Recalling that busing did not go well at the start of this school year, the trustee expressed disagreement with the statement in the STOPR Minutes that start-up went well. He inquired about wages and benefits of bus drivers and asked whether OPSBA or a similar association can persuade the government to provide adequate funding to improve this service, as it is related to student safety. Trustee Williams indicated that he has brought this concern to OPSBA Executive Council and it is being reviewed.

PB-03, moved by Janet McDougald, that the STOPR – Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes, held September 23, 2016, be received.

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5. Application Status Update

Intermediate Planning Officer, Branko Vidovic, advised that the report is an information item for the months of October and November 2016. A trustee referred to the application for zoning amendment related to Ward 2 in Town of Caledon and inquired whether land is available for a new school in this area to address the proposed development. Branko Vidovic advised that there is a plan for two elementary schools for the community. The trustee suggested Peel DSB information be provided to property developers for distribution to potential home buyers in that area. Another trustee inquired about capacity and enrolment at Mayfield Secondary School and provision for portables to accommodate excess students. It was explained that until funding for another secondary school is received a solution to accommodate these students will have to be found.

PB-04, moved by Rick Williams, that the Application Status Update report, be received.

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6. Tender Activity Report

PB-05, moved by Janet McDougald, that the Tender Activity Report for October 27, 2016 to December 14, 2016, be received.

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7. Vandalism Report and Year End Summary Reports

Controller of Corporate Support Services, David Neale, responded to trustees' questions of clarification regarding the incidents at Dunrankin Drive Public School involving stolen devices and insurance coverage. He will bring back more information on tracking and finding stolen devices.

PB-06, moved by Carrie Andrews, that the Vandalism Reports for August to October 2016 and Year End Summary Report, be received.

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8. Question Period

Trustee Cameron expressed his appreciation for the work of Planning Officer, Phillip Sousa, in preparing the document containing information on five schools.

Trustee Crocker stated that the STOPR – Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes, of September 23, 2016, indicating that busing went well at the start of the school year, will be available to public. He remarked that start up did not go well and students are continuing to experience transportation difficulties. Chair Green suggested that the matter can be raised at the next STOPR meeting on January 20, 2017. Board Chair McDougald commented that STOPR acknowledges the patience of the community in view of the ongoing busing issues.

9. Public Question Period

A member of the public inquired about security at sites where vandalism occurs. Controller Neale responded.

10. Adoption of the In Committee Report

PB-07, moved by Carrie Andrews, that the report of the In Committee Session re Circulation of Surplus Properties, and Tender Activity Report for October 27, 2016 to December 14, 2016, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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11. Adjournment

PB-08, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the meeting adjourn (19:05 hours).

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..... Chair Secretary