

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 Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 18:20 hours.

Members present:

David Green, Chair
Carrie Andrews
Stan Cameron
Robert Crocker
Nokha Dakroub
Brad MacDonald

Trustees also present:

Sue Lawton
Suzanne Nurse

Administration:

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-74, moved by Brad MacDonald, 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,
September 7, 2016**

PB-75, moved by Stan Cameron, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held September 7, 2016, be approved.

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4. STOPR - Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes, June 17, 2016

Referring to the Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) Governance Committee Minutes, regarding Summer School Transportation, a trustee asked for information on the schools to which students were being transported, as well as the bus routing. Controller of Corporate Support Services, David Neale, replied that this year, some Peel students in Caledon were paired with Dufferin-Peel CDSB students and were transported to schools in Brampton, for which the cost was approximately \$5,000 for two or three buses. He clarified that there are a number of programs which run every summer for elementary schools, and the cost is between \$90,000 and \$100,000. He will follow up and provide more information to the trustee.

PB-76, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the STOPR - Student Transportation of Peel Region Governance Committee Minutes of a meeting held June 17, 2016, be received.

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5. Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) - Update

Bianca Bielski, Manager of Planning Services, reviewed the background information on the Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) for Gordon Graydon Memorial, Glenforest, T. L. Kennedy, The Woodlands, and Lorne Park Secondary Schools, and the subsequent Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) meeting on September 14, 2016, at which the plan to incorporate new programs into the proposed vocational program at Glenforest Secondary School was presented. She reviewed the timelines for future meetings, which included a final meeting of the ARC scheduled for November 9, 2016 and a second public meeting on November 23, 2016. A trustee asked if any feedback has been received from the public and whether the minutes of the ARC meeting held on September 14, 2016 were prepared. Bianca Bielski will follow up on whether the meeting notes have been finalized.

PB-77, moved by Brad MacDonald, that the update report re Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR), be received.

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6. Application Status - Update

Intermediate Planning Officer, Branko Vidovic, advised that the report provides information on the status of development applications reviewed by staff for August 2016. A trustee indicated that, in the area of Glen Erin Drive and Eglinton Avenue in Mississauga, a significant amount of development has occurred. He asked whether the developing sites have signs indicating that students will be directed to schools outside the area. Branko Vidovic replied that a request has been made for appropriate signage as well as photographs confirming that signs are installed.

PB-78, moved by Carrie Andrews, that the Application Status Update report, be received.

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7. SouthFields Village #2 Public School – Expropriation, Town of Caledon - Update

Branko Vidovic, Intermediate Planning Officer, reviewed the report. He noted that the SouthFields Village #2 Public School site has been registered with the Land Registry Office, the Board now has ownership of the property, and can begin construction of the new school.

A trustee recalled that on three occasions, in the Annual Planning Document of October 2015, at the Regular Meeting of the Board on December 8, 2015, and at the In Committee Session of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting of September 5, 2016, it was indicated that the new school will be ready for student occupancy in September 2017. The trustee advised that at a meeting attended by the Minister of Education at Whaley’s Corners, when media were present, he had indicated to the reporter that the school will be ready for September 2017, based on information he had received. He stated, however, that today’s report indicates that the new school is scheduled for completion during the 2017-2018 school year. The trustee expressed disappointment on behalf of the affected community on account of the delay in the school opening. He asked about a better process with regard to communicating timelines to the community and to notify changes in schedules to the area trustee. Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Jaspal Gill, stated that the target date for the new school opening is Fall 2017. He explained, however, that the process of acquiring land and the approvals process for Town of Caledon are not in the control of Board staff, and that indicating a later opening date may also delay the Ministry’s approval process. Jaspal Gill advised that, now that Ministry approval and land registration has been received, staff will expedite the work and regular updates will be brought to the Board.

PB-79, moved by Stan Cameron, that the update report re SouthFields Village #2 Public School – Expropriation, Town of Caledon, be received.

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8. Tender Activity Report

PB-80, moved by Robert Crocker, that the Tender Activity Report for August 26, 2016 to September 21, 2016, be received.

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9. Vandalism Report

Responding to a trustee’s question with regard to trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer beetle, Controller of Facilities and Environmental Support Services, Joe Weinberg, advised that the process of removing trees that present a danger has begun and is ongoing, and custodians undertake regular inspections. In response to another trustee’s query regarding vandalism at Ridgewood Public School involving missing I-Pads, Controller of Corporate Services, David Neale clarified that ten I-Pads were missing from inside the school building and an investigation is being done. He confirmed that he will update trustees once the investigation is complete.

9. Vandalism Report (Continued)

PB-81, moved by Robert Crocker that the Vandalism reports for June and July 2016, be received.

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10. Ministry of Education Initiatives: Ontario Regulation 444/98 – Process Improvements to Surplus Property Circulation

Associate Director of Operational Support Services, Jaspal Gill, highlighted the recent amendments to Ontario Regulation 444/98 – Disposition of Surplus Real Property, requiring that surplus properties be offered to public entities, which include: Section 23 agencies; District Social Services Administration Boards or consolidated Municipal Service Managers; Children’s Mental Health Lead Agencies; Local Health Integration Networks; Public Health Boards; First Nation and Métis Organizations.

PB-82, moved by Suzanne Nurse, that the report re Ministry of Education Initiatives: Ontario Regulation 444/98 – Process Improvements to Surplus Property Circulation, be received.

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11. Question Period

Trustee Nurse asked for an update report on the busing situation. Controller Neale provided details of the number of new drivers recruited, and advised that operators will begin training drivers shortly. Noting that there are still concerns with two of the five operators, he stated that a weekly report is received from bus operators, and an update report will be sent to trustees by Friday, October 7, 2016. Responding to the trustee’s questions about special needs students and courtesy busing, David Neale indicated that most of the routes affected do not have special needs students and STOPR does not release all the courtesy seats in areas where they anticipate growth. Responding to Trustee Cameron’s query regarding the Ombudsman’s investigation about busing issues, David Neale replied that the investigation was specific to Toronto DSB.

Trustee Lawton referred to Ontario Regulation 444/98 - Process Improvements to Surplus Property Circulation, (Item 10 of these Minutes), and inquired whether the Britannia Farm can be considered under this regulation. Associate Director Gill indicated that it may depend on whether a 99 year lease or an outright sale is considered. He will follow up and bring back information to the trustee.

11. Question Period (Continued)

Trustee Crocker stated that today, October 5th, is Archivist Day, World Teachers Day, and Walk to School Day. He reported that the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council has asked about the Regional School Safety Committee for Brampton and Mississauga, which was expected to be spearheaded by Peel Police. He advised however, that Peel Police have indicated that safety is everybody's responsibility and they are no longer taking a leadership role on this Committee. He asked about who will accept leadership of this Committee. Coordinating Superintendent, Jeff deFreitas, will check with Yasemin Sarraf, Manager of Health and Safety, and bring back a response to the trustee.

12. Public Question Period

There were no public questions.

13. Adoption of the In Committee Report

PB-83, moved by Carrie Andrews, that the report of the In Committee Session re Combined Capital Project Status Report; Britannia Farm – Update; Before and After School Child Care; Surplus Property – Ray Lawson Public School Rear Parcel; Tender Activity Report for August 26, 2016 – September 21, 2016, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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14. Adjournment

PB-84, moved by Nokha Dakroub, that the meeting adjourn (18:55 hours).

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