



CONSULTATION PLAN

(REFERENCES: POLICY P.110.GOV AND PROCEDURE PR.644.GOV)

DATE:	September 2023
PROJECT: (Project name, Letter of Transmittal, etc.)	New Findlay Creek Elementary School – Approval of Consultation
CONTACT / PROJECT LEAD (Name, telephone, email):	Karyn Ostafichuk, General Manager, Planning, 613-596-8211, ext. 8634 (karyn.ostafichuk@ocdsb.ca)
WHAT?	
<p>1. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION? (Describe project scope, nature of consultation, decision to be made, and any relevant information)</p> <p><i>The consultation will serve to implement recommendations regarding the opening grade structure, program, and attendance boundary for a new elementary school to be opened in the Findlay Creek development area.</i></p> <p><i>The consultation process is expected to include three elementary schools: Vimy Ridge Public School; Robert Bateman Public School, and Roberta Bondar Public School. Other schools may be added as required.</i></p>	
WHY?	
<p>2. WHY ARE YOU CONSULTING? (Check all that apply)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To seek advice, informed opinion or input for consideration prior to decision-making?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To share information and/or create awareness about a subject/potential recommendations/decision yet to be made?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> To share information and awareness about a subject/recommendation/decision that has been made?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other? (Please explain)</p>	
<p>3. HOW DOES THIS CONSULTATION LINK TO THE OCDSB STRATEGIC PLAN, DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN, BUDGET, ANNUAL DISTRICT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND/OR RELEVANT MINISTRY / OCDSB POLICIES OR PROCEDURES (if applicable)?</p> <p><i>The consultation will seek to recommend an opening grade structure, program, and attendance boundary for a new Findlay Creek Elementary School.</i></p> <p><i>The opening of a new elementary school within the developing Findlay Creek community will serve to provide students with improved access to learning environments and optimize the use of District resources. This is consistent with the stewardship objectives of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.</i></p>	

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WHO?

4. WHO WILL BE CONSULTED? (Key stakeholders) (Check all that apply)

OCDSB Community

- ☐ Students
☒ Parents/guardians
☒ School council(s)
☐ Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils
☐ Advisory committees (Specify below)
☐ Special Education Advisory Committee, etc
☐ Other _____

Internal to OCDSB

- ☒ Trustees
☒ Superintendents
☒ Principals and/or Vice-principals
☐ Managers
☐ District staff
☐ Federations
☐ Other _____

External / Other (please identify)

- ☐ Agencies/associations _____
☒ Community groups _____
☒ General Public _____
☐ Other governments _____
☐ Other _____

Please describe or expand on who will be consulted and any partners in the consultation:

5. HAVE ANY OF THESE STAKEHOLDERS BEEN INVOLVED IN INFORMAL CONSULTATION AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PLAN?

In accordance with section 4.3 of Policy P.110.GOV, it is expected that informal consultation has taken place with representative stakeholders to obtain their suggestions prior to finalizing this plan. Please describe below. (If this informal consultation did not take place, explain why it was not feasible.)

Yes, the local Trustees, the Superintendent of Instruction for involved schools, and the Associate Director, Business Operations.

HOW?

6. HOW WILL STAKEHOLDERS BE MADE AWARE OF THIS CONSULTATION PROCESS? (Check all that apply)

- ☒ Media advertisement (print and/or radio)
☒ Letter distribution
☒ School council(s)
☐ Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils
☒ School newsletter
☒ Website (schools and/or OCDSB sites)
☐ Other _____

Please describe how stakeholders will be made aware of the consultation process and any special requirements for consultation (translation, alternate formats, etc)?

7. HOW WILL THE CONSULTATION BE CARRIED OUT? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Focus groups
☐ Interviews
☒ Mail-out or email circulation
☐ Open houses / workshops / cafes
☒ School council(s)
☐ Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils
☒ Public meetings
☐ Survey / questionnaire
☒ Web-based notice / Web-based comments
☐ Other _____

Please describe:

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WHEN?		
8. PROJECT PLAN FOR CONSULTATION (KEY ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNICATIONS)¹: i.e. Identify plan approval dates; Timelines for awareness of consultation; Specific consultation initiatives; Timelines for analysis; Date for Committee/Board deliberation; Evaluation of consultation		
TARGETTED DATE FOR FINAL DECISION:	January 2024	
PROJECTED DATE(S)	ACTIVITY/MILESTONE	<u>NOTES**</u>
September 2023	Board Approval of Consultation Plan and Timeline	
September 2023	Formation of Working Group	
October 2023	Working Group Meeting #1	
November 2023	Working Group Meeting #2	
November 2023	Working Group Meeting #3 <i>(If required)</i>	
December 2023	Public Consultation Meeting	
January 2024	Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting – Presentation, Debate, and Recommendations	
January 2024	Regular Board Meeting – Final Decisions	
**In filling out this chart, please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the materials, reports or resources that will be distributed to stakeholders, either in advance or at the session; ▪ any constraints such as necessary deadlines, availability of stakeholders; and ▪ the timelines for communicating the outcome/related decisions reached to those consulted. 		
9. HOW WILL THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION AND THE RATIONALE OF THE FINAL DECISION BE COMMUNICATED TO ALL		

¹ Outline provides information on the minimal number of activities proposed, which may be amended to intensify the process if required.
Further information on the overall project/initiative and the specific consultation plan and process can be provided in the Letter of Transmittal to Board.

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CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROCESS? (Check all that apply)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email circulation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Transmittal to committee/Board Please describe:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School / principal communications / newsletter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website (schools and/or OCDSB sites) <input type="checkbox"/> Media reports <input type="checkbox"/> Other
OTHER	
10. ESTIMATED COSTS FOR THE CONSULTATION* (i.e. advertising, facilities, translation, materials):	
<i>Consultation costs will be managed within existing departmental budgets.</i>	
<i>* Note that the consulting body bears responsibility for the costs of the consultation.</i>	
11. EVALUATION: Please specify the method(s) you plan to use to assess the effectiveness and success of this consultation process. (e.g., outcomes/results, satisfaction of participants, debriefs, questionnaires/evaluation sheet collected from participants, peer review, school council meeting discussion with date, etc.)	