



SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PUBLIC REPORT

Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Board Room

Administration Building

133 Greenbank Road

Ottawa, Ontario

- Trustees Present: Alysha Aziz, Justine Bell (electronic communication), Donna Blackburn, Donna Dickson, Lyra Evans, Jennifer Jennekens, Matthew Lee, Cathryne Milburn, Suzanne Nash, Amanda Presley, Lynn Scott, Emma Hong (Student Trustee), Malaika Kamanzi (Student Trustee)
- Staff Present: Pino Buffone (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director of Education), Randy Gerior (Associate Director, Business Operations), Michele Giroux (Executive Officer, Corporate Services), Paula Hall (Superintendent of People, Culture and Leadership), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Instruction), Richard Sinclair (General Counsel), Shannon Smith (Superintendent of Instruction), Peter Symmonds (Superintendent of Learning Support Services), Carolyn Tanner (Human Rights and Equity Advisor), Karyn Carty Ostafichuk (General Manager, Planning/Transportation), Stacey Kay (General Manager, Learning Support Services), Pamela LeMaistre (General Manager, People Culture and Leadership), Sandy Owens (General Manager, Business & Learning Technologies), Diane Pernari (General Manager, Communications & Information Services), Nicole Guthrie (General Manager of Board Services), Michael Guilbault (Central Audio/Visual Technical Specialist), Mark Keough (Planner), David Suriano (Planner), Susan Baker (Committee Coordinator)
- Non-Voting Representatives Present: Seema Lamba (ACE), Lili Miller (IEC), Stephanie Kirkey (OSSTF - District 25), Jean Fulton-Hale and Rebecca Shields (OCSSAN), Jamieson Dyer (OCEOTA), Tom Holloway (OCASC)

1. Call to Order - Vice-Chair of the Board
Vice-Chair Milburn called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
2. Acknowledgement of Territorial Lands

Chair Milburn acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Territory and thanked the Algonquin Nations for hosting the meeting on their land.

3. Declarations of Conflict

There were no declarations of conflict.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. Matters for Discussion:

6.1 Report 24-002, New Education Development Charges By-Law (2024-2029) - Required Public Meeting and Background Study (R. Gerrior)

Your Committee had before it Report 24-002 providing information to support a legislatively required meeting in order to inform the public about the Board's Education Development Charge (EDC) proposals and to solicit input regarding a proposed new by-law which would cover the period between 2024-2029.

General Manager Carty-Ostafichuk introduced Consultant Cynthia Clarke from Quadrant Advisory Group Limited who was in attendance to answer questions on the report.

During discussion and in response to queries, the following points were noted:

- EDCs may not be collected for the purchase of additional land to build an extension on an existing school unless it can be demonstrated that the growth in student numbers exceeds the District's capacity;
- Trustee Lyra Evans expressed her support for the collection of differentiated EDC rates for apartments;
- No school boards have adopted differentiated rates for the collection of EDCs as it could detrimentally affect the maximum funding available;
- School boards may increase service rates per unit over the life of the bylaw;

- The majority of school boards have adopted a residential/non-residential percentage split of 80/20;
- Housing forecasts are calculated by the City of Ottawa using development applications in process, actual student data provided by school districts, and property assessment data to determine the number of students per household. There are no projections or assumptions used to calculate these numbers;
- On average, apartments have fewer students because they typically include housing for seniors;
- The EDC By-Law will be presented to the Committee of the Whole on 5 March 2024 for approval at a Special Board meeting to follow on 5 March 2024;

Trustee Jennekens assumed the Chair.

- An advertisement was published in the Ottawa Citizen on 15 December 2023 providing notice of the Special Committee of the Whole meetings on 16 January 2024. The EDC Background Study was posted on the District's website and hard copies were provided to key stakeholders in the development community; and
- An additional input should be directed to General Manager Carty-Ostafichuk prior to 5 March 2024.

Trustee Milburn resumed the Chair.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Cathryne Milburn, Chair