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Brief summary of issue or topic of discussion:

Elementary Program Review Delegation Night - Summary of Issue

We live in the Dow's Lake area, between Carling Ave. and Highway 417. Our kids currently go to Devonshire Community PS. In the first proposal, we were redistricted to attend Mutchmor PS. For many reasons, namely location, we opposed this plan. We are now being redistricted to Cambridge, which does not make sense either.

Our neighbourhood is a unique and distinct community, spanning the O-train, Trillium multi-use pathway, and four pedestrian crossings over the tracks that blend our community together with the Civic Hospital area. This is captured by various city maps, including the Ottawa Secondary Plan, Ottawa Real Estate Board, and the Ottawa Catholic School Board boundary maps. We continue to feel overlooked, unrepresented, and ignored by the EPR proposal.

The only school that offers a walkable option for our neighbourhood that keeps our community intact is Devonshire. We look forward to presenting our case for the need for further revisions to the EPR plan for school attendance boundaries that reflect our lived reality as a unique community.

Dow's Lake Neighbourhood Delegation

Response to the OCDSB's Elementary Program Review boundary proposal

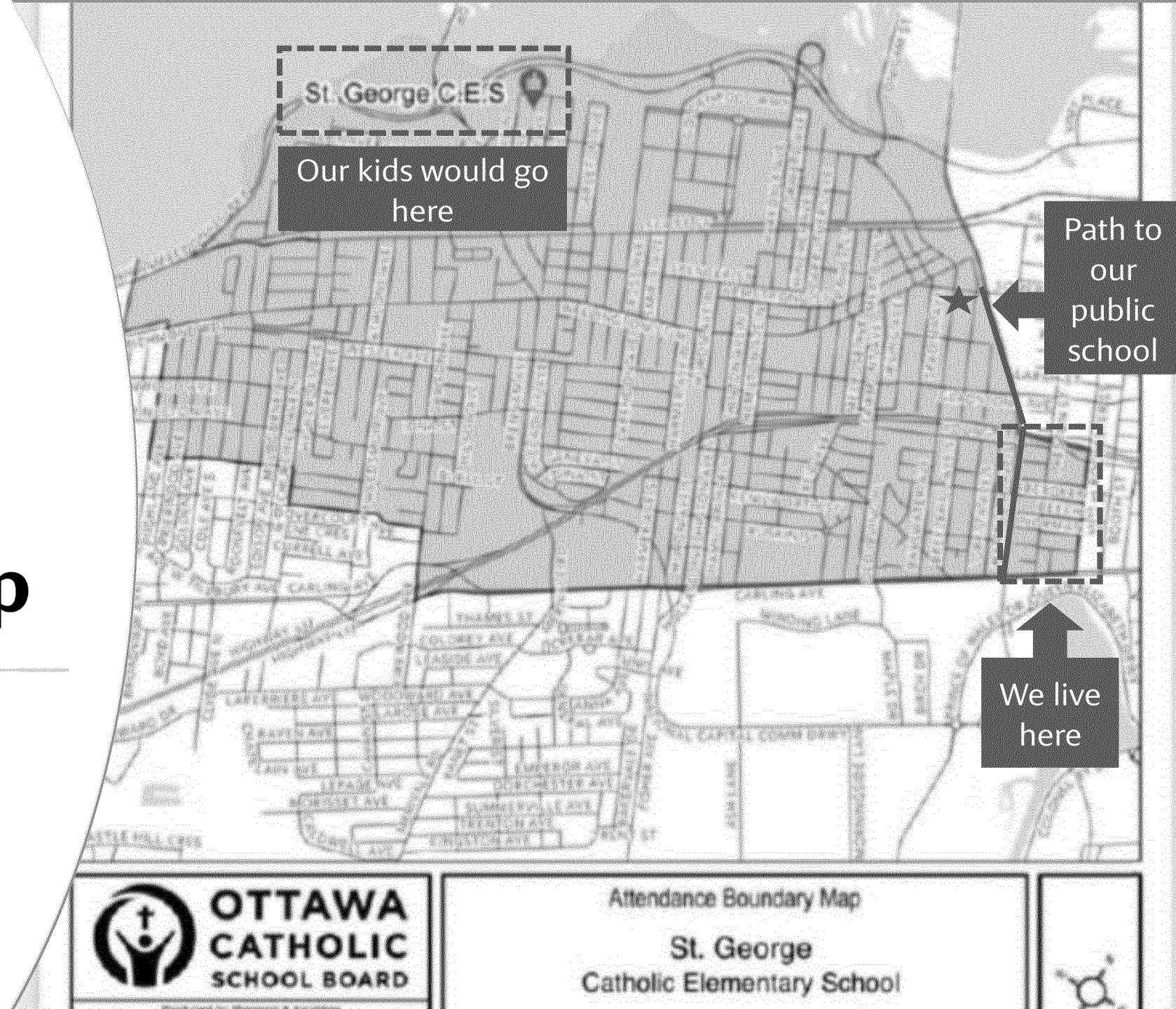
Our Neighbourhood

- We live in the Dow's Lake area – west of Rochester St., south of the 417, and north of Carling Ave.
- Our neighbourhood is a unique and distinct community, spanning the O-train and Trillium multi-use pathway, with four pedestrian crossings over the O-train tracks that blend our neighbourhood with the Civic Hospital area.
- Our closest playground and the meeting point for families on either side of the O-Train is Ev Tremblay Park, west of the tracks.

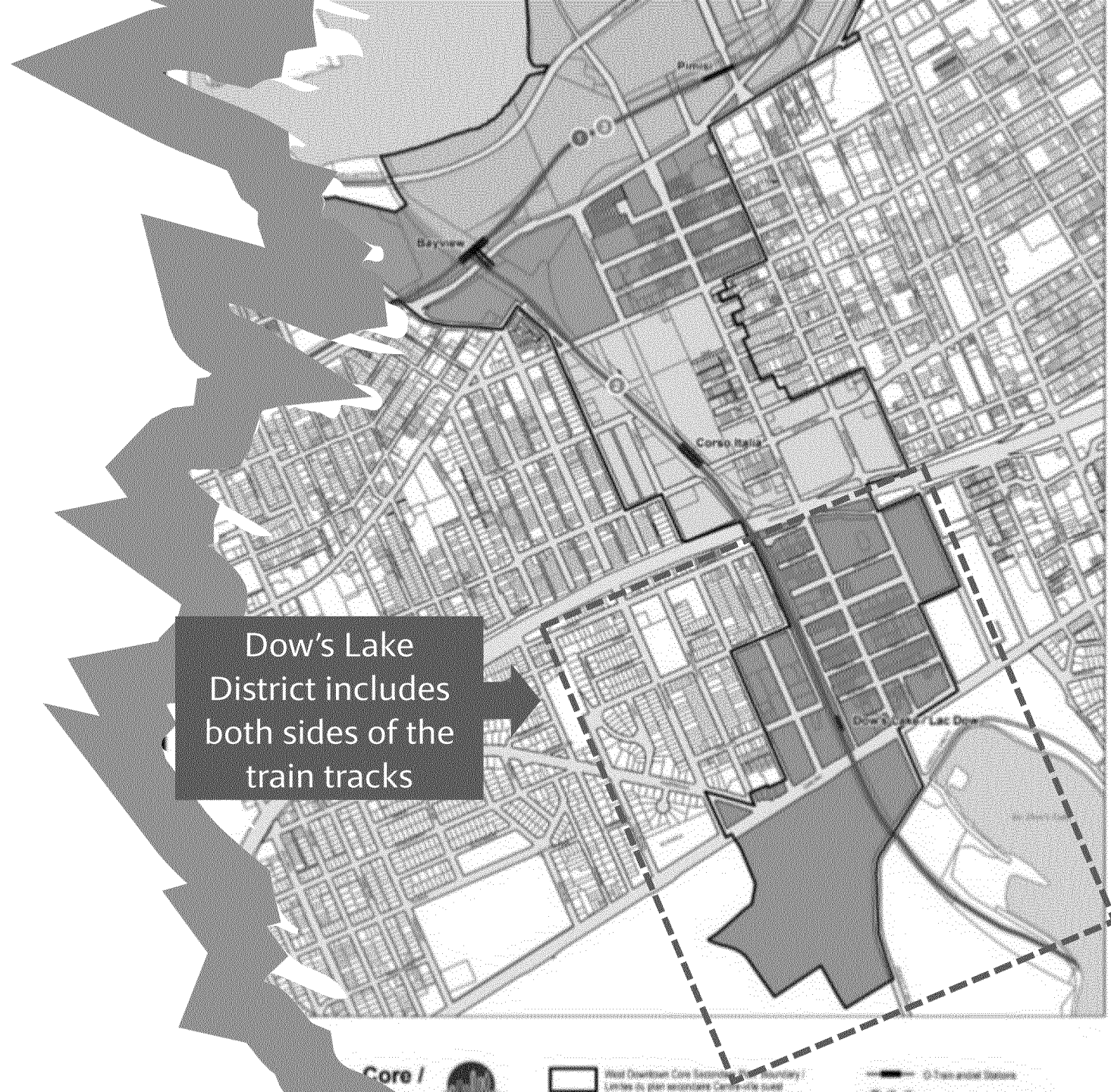
Our School

- Our children go to Devonshire Community PS, easily accessed by our community via the Trillium multi-use pathway.
- Under the first boundary proposal, our children would have gone to Mutchmor. Under the new plan, they are redistricted to Cambridge. This is:
 - Unwalkable
 - Misaligned with our community's boundaries as defined by its residents, Ottawa city planners, OREB, and other school boards.

Ottawa Catholic School Board Elementary Boundary Map




Ottawa's Secondary Plan – Dow's Lake Station District

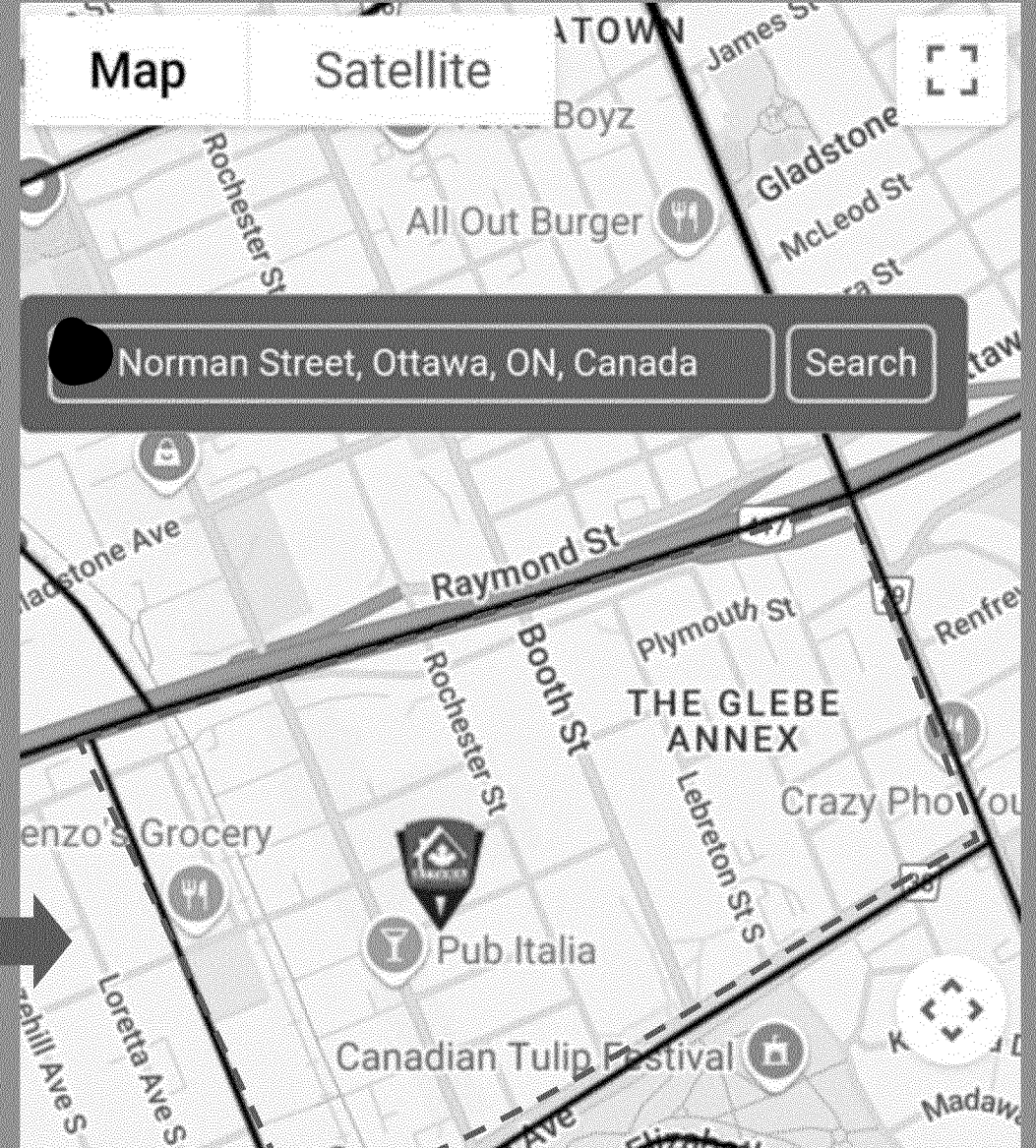


Ottawa Real Estate Board

OREB defines our neighbourhood on both sides of the train tracks, bounded by Ev



Tremblay Park.



Proposal

1. Revise the Devonshire boundary to include children from the Dow's Lake neighbourhood, keeping them at their community school which they may safely walk or ride their bikes to using the Trillium multi-use pathway.
2. The boundary could also be revised to Fisher Park Public School for grades 7 & 8 to keep cohorts together and support community connections into teenage years.
3. To mitigate the effects of this review for the Devonshire parent community, where many are concerned about impacts to existing childcare arrangements, adopt a broad grandparenting policy for affected families at the school – especially given that Devonshire has the space to accommodate these changes.

Thank you