



## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BUDGET REPORT**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**7:00 pm**

**Board Room**

**Administration Building**

**133 Greenbank Road**

**Ottawa, Ontario**

**Trustees Present:** Justine Bell (electronic communication), Donna Blackburn, Donna Dickson, Lyra Evans, Julia Fortey, Jennifer Jennekens, Matthew Lee, Cathryne Milburn (electronic communication), Suzanne Nash, Lynn Scott

**Staff Present:** Pino Buffone (Director of Education), Brett Reynolds (Associate Director of Education), Randy Gerrior (Associate Director of Business Operations), Jesse Mark (General Counsel, Governance & Legal Services), James Proulx (Executive Officer of Information Technology and Digital Transformation), Shawn Lehman (Superintendent of Employee Services), Kevin Gardner (General Manager, Financial Services), Julie Cyr (General Manager, Early Learning), Sandy Owens (General Manager, Business & Learning Technology), Diane Pernari (General Manager, Communications & Public Relations), Michael Guilbault (Multimedia Coordinator, Communications), Tamara Persaud (Board/Committee Coordinator)

**Non-Voting Representatives Present:** Susan Gardner (OCETFO), Tracy Shapiro (OCSSAN), Stephanie Kirkey (OSSTF), Chris Walsh (OSSTF), Corinne Lassaline (OSSTF-PECCS), Anthony Wong (SEAC), Jason Glover (PIC), Inini McHugh (ACE), Melodie Gondek (OSSTF - ESP), Philip Battison (OSSTF-PSSU), Susan Rab (OSSTF-OTs), Christine Moulaison (OCASC), Stephen Skoutajan (OCEFTO), Nina Stanton (IEC)

1. Call to Order - Chair of Committee of the Whole, Budget

Chair Jennekens called the public session to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Acknowledgement of Territorial Lands

Chair Jennekens acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on unceded Algonquin Homelands and thanked the Algonquin Nations for their stewardship of these lands since time immemorial.

3. Matter for Action (Cont'd)

3.1 Report 25-038: 2025-2026 Staff Recommended Budget (R. Gerrior)

Chair Jennekens advised that the report was previously presented during the Committee of the Whole (COW) Budget meeting on 10 June 2025. She noted that the motion to approve the 2025-2026 Staff Recommended Budget, as provided in Report 25-038, was being discussed.

Chair Jennekens noted that at the time of adjournment of the 10 June 2025 Committee of the Whole Budget meeting, the following motion was tabled:

Moved by Trustee Lee,

- A. THAT the unconsolidated 2025-2026 operating budget of \$1,244,794,269 as presented in Report 25-038, 2025-2026 Staff-Recommended Budget and detailed in the 2025-2026 Staff-Recommended Budget Binder be approved; and
- B. THAT the 2025-2026 capital budget of \$114,488,227 as presented in Report 25-038, 2025-2026 Staff-Recommended Budget and detailed in the 2025-2026 Staff-Recommended Budget Binder be approved.

Trustee Lyra Evans requested a recorded vote for the following amendment.

An amendment moved by Trustee Lyra Evans,

THAT the following be added at the end of part A of the recommendation:

“,except as follows:

- The summer learning program will be funded at \$0.65 million;
- The estimate for total in-year savings to be found will be \$3.65 million;”

For (2): Cathryne Milburn and Lyra Evans

Against (7): Donna Blackburn, Donna Dickson, Julia Fortey, Jennifer Jennekens, Matthew Lee, Suzanne Nash and Lynn Scott

Abstain (1) Justine Bell

Defeated (2 to 7)

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**B. THAT the 2025-2026 capital budget of \$114,488,227 as presented in Report 25-038, 2025-2026 Staff-Recommended Budget and detailed in the 2025-2026 Staff-Recommended Budget Binder be approved.**

For (7): Donna Blackburn, Donna Dickson, Julia Fortey, Jennifer Jennekens, Matthew Lee, Suzanne Nash and Lynn Scott

Against (2): Cathryne Milburn and Lyra Evans

Abstain (1): Justine Bell

**Carried (7 to 2)**

4. New Business - Information and Inquiries

As the recommendation was approved, it was noted that the COW Budget continuation meeting scheduled for 16 June 2025 was cancelled.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Jennifer Jennekens, Chair