

DATE: May 22, 2018

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Bridget Stirling, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #5 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held May 8, 2018)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4
[Trustees' Handbook](#) – Section 6 – Board Committees
[School Act](#) – Section 61

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendations at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That a resolution be approved directing that Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

The following recommendation was approved at the May 8, 2018, Caucus Committee meeting:

That the Dry Pond Acquisition Agreement for a portion of the Edith Rogers and Malcolm Tweddle sites be approved.

BACKGROUND

In 2016, the City of Edmonton approached the District to acquire land at Malcolm Tweddle and Edith Rogers schools to construct two dry ponds on the shared site to increase storm water management in the area. In response to this request, the land was declared surplus to District needs on March 7, 2017, and the Minister granted approval to dispose of the property to the City of Edmonton on May 18, 2017. On April 12, 2017, City Council voted to transfer drainage services to EPCOR, taking effect in September of 2017. The agreement has been amended to reflect the change in operational responsibilities.

RELATED FACTS

- Edmonton Public Schools declared the site as surplus to District needs on March 7, 2017.
- The District was involved in the consultation regarding the detailed design phase which included information regarding the landscaping features and amenities to be provided, and the replacement of sports fields.
- Malcolm Tweddle and Edith Rogers schools are both supportive of the project.
- The design of the dry pond was communicated to the parent communities at the two schools, the principals, and District administration; communication will continue through the pre-construction, construction and post-construction.
- The City intends to begin construction on the dry ponds as soon as possible, with the intention to return the area to school and community use within one year.
- The City and EPCOR have developed a Drainage Operation Procedure to monitor the performance and safety of the proposed dry ponds.