

DATE: May 22, 2018

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Heritage Valley High School - City of Edmonton Partnership

ORIGINATOR: Dr. Lorne Parker, Assistant Superintendent

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REFERENCE: n/a

ISSUE

A Heritage Valley high school project was approved by the province on November 27, 2017. Discussions have been initiated to explore potential recreation facility integration with the City of Edmonton, as these facilities will be located on a District Park being assembled and developed by the City of Edmonton.

BACKGROUND

In response to the funding announcement of the Heritage Valley high school project, the Board approved the following motion at the February 6, 2018, public Board meeting:

That Edmonton Public Schools Administration work with the City of Edmonton to determine the following and report the findings at a future Board meeting:

1. The appropriate level of engagement and funding from the City of Edmonton required to enable an integrated design approach to the recently announced Edmonton Public High School project with the Heritage Valley Recreation Centre and the Heritage Valley District Park.
2. A milestone schedule to complete preliminary design.

City council also approved the following motion at the February 13, 2018, City Council meeting:

That City Administration:

1. Create a new capital funding profile for the Heritage Valley Recreation Centre.
2. Communicate with the Edmonton Public School Board to gain a more complete understanding of the scope of their school project.
3. Determine the appropriate level of engagement by the City to enable an integrated design approach to the ultimate design of the District Park and return to Committee with a report summarizing the above information as well as the level of design activity required, a milestone schedule to complete preliminary design and a funding requisition request.

Since February, City administration has met with Edmonton Public Schools administration and both parties have agreed to pursue an opportunity to integrate the high school with community recreation access. This concept would deliver an integrated design approach by grouping physical education amenities in a 'community recreation wing' with enhanced recreation amenities to the base high school program, funded through a City of Edmonton partner contribution. This community recreation wing would be accessible to the public for recreation during school hours of operation. Grouping would facilitate expanded public access to school components outside of school hours.

RELATED FACTS

- The high school has now been formally named Dr. Anne Anderson School.
- In order to meet a planned school opening date of September 2021, design of the school will proceed over the next year, with the objective of beginning construction in the spring of 2019.
- Design and construction of the Dr. Anne Anderson School will occur prior to the City of Edmonton completing its process to define the final design of the Heritage Valley District Park, including the confirmation of the indoor and outdoor recreation facilities and amenities which will be included in the District Park.
- The south portion of the District Park, which will be dedicated by a private developer in the coming months, will be provided with utility service connections and roadway construction access prior to the end of this construction season. This will be the location of Edmonton Public Schools high school building.
- The City of Edmonton has submitted a 2018 Supplemental Capital Budget Adjustment request for \$500,000 to fund site design and to develop the Heritage Valley District Park Master Plan.
- The partnership model under consideration to deliver the community recreation wing would involve our District supporting up-front design and construction costs for additional gymnasium space, enhanced fitness centre amenities, a potential elevated running track, and supporting amenities to the community recreation wing.
- The preliminary cost estimate for the City of Edmonton's capital contribution is approximately \$5.5 million.
- The City of Edmonton would need to identify and confirm funding to reimburse Edmonton Public Schools for the design and construction costs of the additional amenities in the community recreation wing.
- The community recreation wing would be operated by the City of Edmonton, who would also be responsible for any operating costs for public use time.
- This concept would benefit Dr. Anne Anderson School with additional gymnasium space, which could support a future expansion by 600 students, to 2,400 students in total.
- District stakeholder engagement about the school project would be conducted over the next year, and this engagement would incorporate collection of feedback regarding the community recreation wing in collaboration with the City's community engagement group.

RECOMMENDATION

That Administration be authorized to conclude negotiations on the funding and design plan outlined in this report with the City of Edmonton to integrate a community recreation wing into the design of Dr. Anne Anderson School.

OPTIONS

Based on the information provided in this report, the following options are considered most appropriate:

1. Proceed with negotiations with the City of Edmonton regarding the potential to incorporate additional space within Dr. Anne Anderson School for a community recreation wing.
2. Do not proceed with negotiations.

CONSIDERATIONS and ANALYSIS

A partnership with the City of Edmonton to deliver a community recreation wing within the Dr. Anne Anderson School project would be of mutual benefit to students in our District, the City of Edmonton and the residents of the Heritage Valley area. The partnership can be pursued without delaying the design process or construction schedule for the school. Given a three-year timeline to recover the costs of initial investment in the integrated community recreation wing, there is limited risk to the District in planning for a community recreation wing. There may be future enhanced opportunities for student benefit in the upcoming design of the future Heritage Valley Recreation Centre.

NEXT STEPS

Administration will continue to work with the City of Edmonton through the design of the Dr. Anne Anderson School project. The City of Edmonton will also be presenting a report to the Urban Planning Committee on May 22, 2018, to provide an update on the status of the initial City Council motion. The report will be publicized within the release of the agenda for the May 22, 2018, Urban Planning Committee meeting. If the partnership concept is supported, the item will then be deliberated by the City for funding support at a subsequent meeting. A joint working committee between Edmonton Public Schools and the City of Edmonton will continue to:

- explore integrated site and facility design as part of the design process for Dr. Anne Anderson School
- further identify and quantify additional costs and funding options
- begin to define facility responsibilities and public access parameters
- draft agreements required to facilitate approved approaches going forward

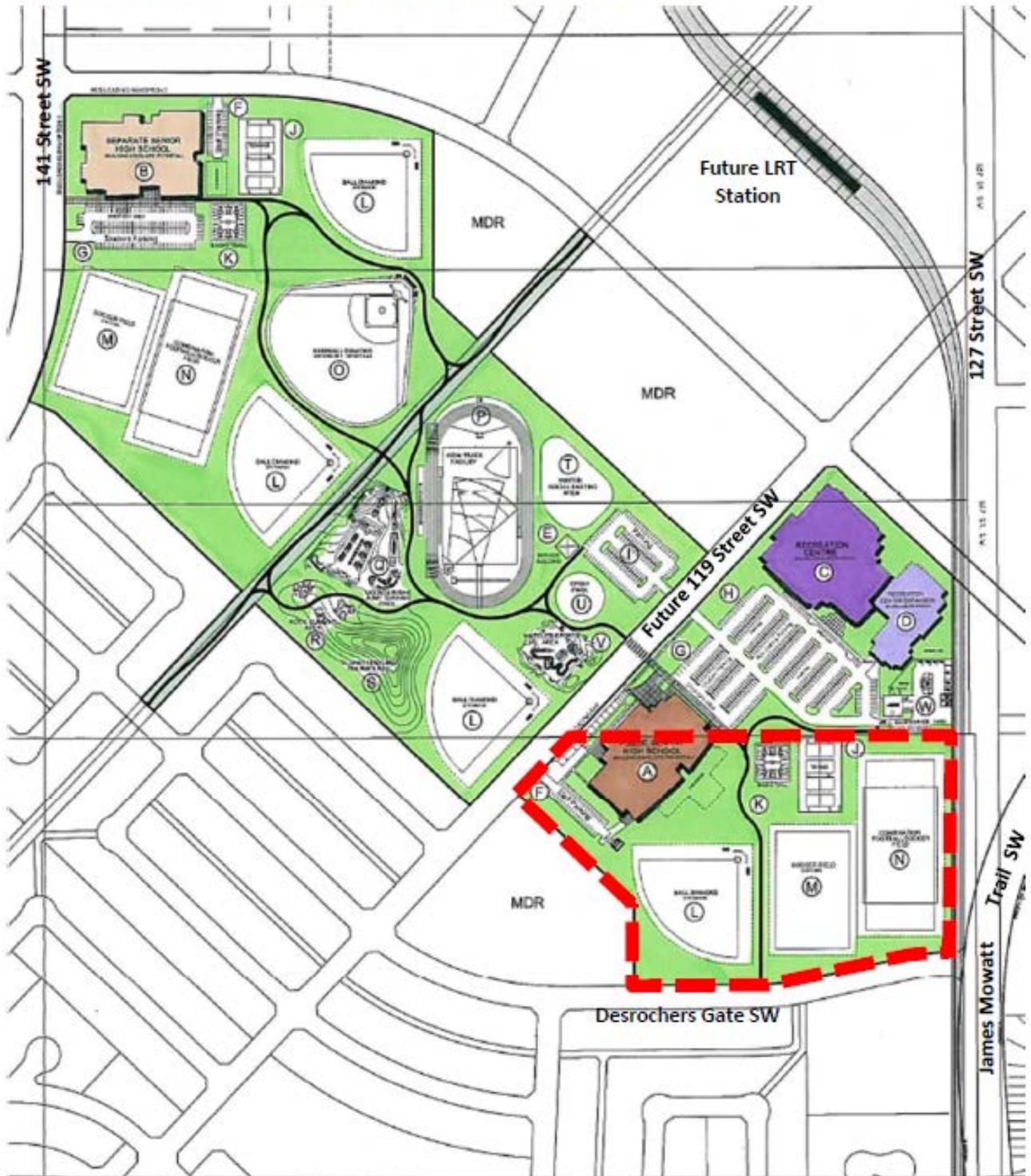
Partnership agreement details between Edmonton Public Schools and the City of Edmonton would be finalized prior to the start of construction, anticipated to begin in spring 2019. Further approvals required would be sought subsequent to design and funding confirmation, as timeline milestones are reached.

ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES

ATTACHMENT I Preliminary Heritage Valley District Park Concept Plan - 2009

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School Building Site (Developer Dedication Parcel)