

DATE: October 20, 2020

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Shelagh Dunn, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #19 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held October 6, 2020)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

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 recommendations were approved at the October 6, 2020, Caucus Committee meeting:

Disposition of a Portion of the McKee School Site to Alberta Health Services

1. *That the disposition of a portion of the McKee School site be approved.*
2. *That Administration be authorized to execute a sales agreement with AHS on behalf of the Division.*

BACKGROUND

Alberta Health Services (AHS) requested the acquisition of a portion of the McKee School site near the parking lot to facilitate the development of five additional parking stalls for the AHS Duggan office.

On October 8, 2019, a portion of the McKee School site was declared surplus to Division need. In accordance with the Joint Use Agreement, the Minister of Education, Edmonton Catholic School District, Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord, and the City of Edmonton were notified of the surplus declaration. All parties have indicated that they have no interest in this portion of the school site.

Disposition of a Portion of the Vimy Ridge Academy School Site to the City of Edmonton

1. *That the disposition of three small portions of the Vimy Ridge Academy site with the intent that it be used by the City of Edmonton for infrastructure required to support the construction of the southeast LRT, be approved.*
2. *That administration be authorized to execute a sales agreement with the City of Edmonton on behalf of the Division.*

BACKGROUND

The City of Edmonton requested the acquisition of three small portions of the Vimy Ridge Academy School site to accommodate infrastructure required to support the construction of the southeast LRT.

On April 14, 2020, three small portions of the Vimy Ridge Academy site were declared surplus to Division need. In accordance with the Joint Use Agreement, the Minister of Education, Edmonton Catholic School

Division, and Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord were notified of the surplus declaration (Attachment II). All parties have indicated that they have no interest in these portions of the school site.

Surplus Declaration of a Portion of the Kenilworth and Waverley School Sites for a Dry Pond – City of Edmonton

1. *That a portion of the Kenilworth and Waverley school sites be declared surplus to Division need, with the intent that it be used by the City of Edmonton and EPCOR as a dry pond stormwater management facility be approved.*

BACKGROUND

Existing stormwater management systems in many of Edmonton's mature communities are unable to handle the volumes of stormwater generated in recent years. In the aftermath of the storms experienced in Edmonton during the summer of 2004, the City of Edmonton investigated various technical improvements to the stormwater management system beginning with areas of the City that experienced the worst flooding. EPCOR has identified approximately thirty potential sites for future dry ponds to be constructed over the next twenty years. Some of these facilities have been identified for construction on Division-owned lands adjacent to operational and non-operational schools.

EPCOR has involved the Division and the community in the planning and design of the dry pond over the past year. Kenilworth and Waverley schools are aware of the project and will be involved in the design and amenities located within the dry pond area and on the remaining site.

Supports for Trustee Anti-racism Training

1. *That an upper payment limit of \$4,000 for a total of eight hours of anti-racism sessions be approved.*
2. *That each Trustee contributes \$250 from their individual expense allowance toward the payment of the anti-racism sessions.*

BACKGROUND

On June 4, 2020, the Board issued a public statement and committed to listening, learning and collaborating to bring an end to systemic racism in Edmonton Public schools. Trustee participation in anti-racism training is one step toward this goal.

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