

DATE: September 10, 2024

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Sawyer, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #14 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held on June 18, 2024)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

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

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: 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 June 18, 2024, Caucus Committee meeting:

Proposed Surplus School Sites

That the Board of Trustees declare the Mount Royal School site as surplus to Division needs.
That the Board of Trustees declare the Montrose School site as surplus to Division needs.
That the Board of Trustees declare the Rundle School site as surplus to Division needs.
That the Board of Trustees declare the Lawton School site as surplus to Division needs.
That the Board of Trustees declare the R. J. Scott School site as surplus to Division needs.
That the Board of Trustees declare the Queen Mary Park School site as surplus to Division needs.

BACKGROUND

Guided by the Board of Trustees and the Infrastructure Planning Principles, the Division Real Estate Strategy was initiated to recommend a course of action for non-operational properties and vacant reserve sites. With the large number of properties held by the Division, retaining all of these sites is no longer sustainable as there is no funding to invest into capital renewal nor to operate or maintain them. In addition, the Division's fiscal reality is becoming increasingly challenging. By declaring non-reserve buildings and sites surplus to Division need, the process to dispose of these sites may commence and potential revenue could be realized by the Division if the sale of the properties occurs. This revenue could be utilized by the Division to address a number of needs.

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