



The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.
École Marigold Elementary School, 3751 Grange Road, Victoria, B.C.

AGENDA

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.

A. COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) appoint Katrina Ball as Acting Secretary-Treasurer for the duration of the June 28, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting.

A1. Approval of the Agenda (p 01)

B. CHAIR'S REPORT

B1. Introductions and Welcome

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

C1. Introductions

C2. Presentation – McKenzie/Highway Interchange (p 02-04)
David Loveridge, Director of Facilities Services

D. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF IN-CAMERA ITEMS

E. ADJOURNMENT



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TO: Board of Education
FROM: David Loveridge, Director of Facilities Services
DATE: June 28, 2016
RE: McKenzie Interchange Agreement

Background:

The intersection of McKenzie Avenue and the Trans-Canada Highway (TCH) has been identified by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) as a priority for the Province of B.C. and was included in the government's BC on the Move transportation infrastructure program.

This area in Saanich was identified as having an immediate need for remediation for the following reasons:

1. Safety

- a. ICBC collision data from 2006 to 2010 shows that 302 collisions were reported at the McKenzie intersection;
- b. Rear-end collisions make up 75% of all crashes and are typical of intersections with stop-start congestion;
- c. The intersection has a collision rate almost three times the Provincial average; and
- d. Pedestrians and cyclists are at risk.

2. Congestion

- a. The number one traffic bottleneck on Vancouver Island;
- b. Rush hour is continuing to grow; and
- c. Long queues of traffic on municipal roads, as well as the TCH.

3. Reliability

- a. Unpredictable travel times affect commuters and transit users; and
- b. Unreliable travel times affect transit service levels and operating costs.

The Province of B.C. and the Government of Canada are planning to invest \$85 million in the McKenzie Interchange Project, a new highway interchange that borders on two Greater Victoria School District (GVSD) schools (Marigold and Spectrum). As part of this process, the MOTI has approached the GVSD to participate in this project through the purchase and sale of school lands to allow for the construction of the selected interchange option.

Discussion:

The GVSD has participated in the MOTI planning process from early on in the project, including consultations with MOTI staff and meetings with stakeholders, including affected municipalities, school districts and departmental staff at various levels of government. The MOTI has also held numerous public consultation sessions over the last year, both with the public at large and with school Parent Advisory Committees (PACs).

On May 25, 2016 GVSD staff, trustees and MOTI attended a meeting at Marigold Elementary School to discuss the project with the Marigold Elementary School and Spectrum Community

School communities. An update was provided during the public portion of the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting on June 13, 2016.

The GVSD has had preliminary discussions with MOTI regarding the land. Discussions have included safety, amenities for the school, as well as the disposition of land. On June 17, 2016 the GVSD received an offer from MOTI for \$1.1 million, safety and lighting upgrades along the Galloping Goose Trail, and an allowance of \$150,000 for the District to replace lost landscaping on school lands.

The offer from MOTI is summarized as follows:

1. Sale and Purchase of School District Land

A full and final purchase price of \$1.1 million for the lands that are detailed in Schedule A to this memorandum.

2. Additional Amenities/Safety Upgrades

MOTI has provided a letter as assurance that the project will complete the following items during construction of the Interchange scheduled for completion fall 2018:

a) Acoustic Wall

New sound walls will be installed throughout the project area based on criteria outlined in the *2014 Policy for Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts from New and Upgraded Numbered Highway* (the policy) published by MOTI. The exact locations of these walls will be determined during the detailed design phase.

b) Lighting

New pathway lighting will be installed along the Galloping Goose Trail from the new school entrance up to and across both pedestrian overpasses.

c) Safety

The Galloping Goose Trail will be built with additional width in the areas between the schools and the bus stops to make it a safer area for pedestrians and cyclists. The final line painting on the trail will be determined in consultation with the Capital Regional District (CRD) who maintains the trail during the detailed design phase.

d) Landscaping

MOTI will provide a lump sum amount of \$150,000 to the GVSD to design and construct fencing, landscaping, and replanting of trees and shrubs on school property.

As part of the land disposition process, the District must receive the approval of the Minister of Education following appropriate public consultation. The GVSD has been in contact with Ministry of Education staff and is satisfied that the consultation process undertaken is sufficient to meet the requirements of the disposition process. This meeting, along with the Special Board meeting this evening, are the final steps in this process.

The following motions will be presented and debated at the Special Board meeting to be held immediately following this meeting:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) request Ministerial approval for the disposition of a portion of land located on Marigold Elementary School and Spectrum Community School property, legally described as: Lot 1, Sections 21, 78, and 79, Victoria District, Plan 27345 except part in Plan 3836RW and VIP84947, PID 001-796-011.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) agree that a poll vote will be conducted to approve a Disposal of Real Property Bylaw for the Marigold/Spectrum School property once Ministerial approval has been granted.

SCHEDULE A

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