



Strawberry Vale Preschool



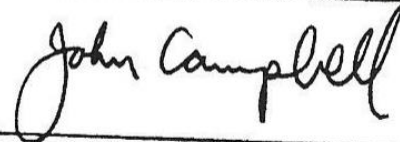
Presentation to the Board
May 28, 2018

Main points to cover

- Brief history of our relationship with SD61 and the BC21 grant.
- Why the proposed agreement is untenable.
- What we are need to move forward.

1. APPLICATION: **JOHN CAMPBELL**

Barrister & Solicitor
304 - 895 Fort Street
380-7677
Victoria, B. C. V8W 1H7



2. (a) PARCEL IDENTIFIER AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND: *
(PID) (LEGAL DESCRIPTION)

#018-048-137

That Part of Section 13, Lake District,
Shown as Area 1 on Plan VIP55596.

(b) MARKET VALUE: \$1.00

3. CONSIDERATION: \$1.00

4. TRANSFEROR(S): *

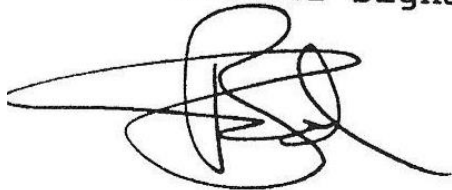
THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

5. FREEHOLD ESTATE TRANSFERRED: * FEE SIMPLE

6. TRANSFEREE(S): (including occupations, postal address & code)
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61 (GREATER VICTORIA, 556 Boleskine Road, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2R1.

7. EXECUTION(S) ** The transferor(s) accepts the above consideration and understands that it operates to transfer the freehold estate in the land described above to the transferee(s).

Officer Signature(s)



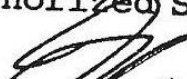
ROBERT M. McDONALD

Execution Date

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Transferors Signatures

THE CORPORATION OF THE
DISTRICT OF SAANICH
By Their Authorized Signatories



Old schoolhouse getting a facelift

Strawberry Vale residents will see a new face on an old friend, thanks to a grant to upgrade the old schoolhouse, MLA Andrew Petter said this week.

"The idea is to have it operated by the Strawberry Vale Preschool Society," Petter said.

In addition, the current Strawberry Vale elementary, under renovation, will receive part of the grant money to upgrade a multi-purpose room for before and after school care.

In total, the Greater Victoria School District will receive \$98,387 from the BC 21 program and the Ministry of Women's Equality, Petter said.

"I think this is something the community has wanted to see," he said. The old schoolhouse is important both for historic reasons and as a site for the area's much-needed day-care spaces, Petter said. For both reasons, "it's great news."

Sandra Scrimger, the preschool society president, said she can't wait to thank Petter for the grant personally.



Andrew Petter helped to mobilize money for new school.

"He has really helped to mobilize the money for us."

Scrimger said the parents of Strawberry Vale school are thrilled to see something being done to the building they've been maintaining for 40 years. "It's finally having the work it always needed but we couldn't afford to do ourselves."

The more than 100-year-old school house is expected to be ready by sometime in January.

1994: Strawberry Vale School receives BC21 Grant (applied for by preschool parents) of \$98,387.

Money is to be split between heritage building and childcare in the new school.

"The idea is to have [the LRSB] operated by the Strawberry Vale Preschool Society."

Strawberry Vale Elementary

- The overall budget for the Strawberry Vale project (No. 108221) was established from the 1994/95 capital envelope at \$98,387.
- The funding is intended to support the costs of renovations and equipment for two child care facilities to accommodate licensed child care for 40 children. (20 spaces for preschool care located in a heritage building on the new school campus and 20 out of school care spaces in a designated room in the new school.)
- The total renovation budget for the two facilities was established at \$47,100. \$40,500 is intended to support the renovations of the heritage building and \$4,600 is for a covered deck area. Additionally, \$2,000 is intended to support the costs of minor renovations (addition of cubbies and storage space) to the multipurpose room located in the new school.

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\$40,500 intended to support renovations of heritage building.

As per the *Funding Policies and Guidelines for School-Based Child Care*, there is an expectation that the child care operators will not be charged a rent for the use of these spaces. As the Cloverdale and Strawberry Vale facilities will not be recognized within the fiscal framework for Function 5 (Operations and Maintenance) funding, the District may recover the costs of operating and maintaining these facilities from the Cloverdale Elementary Out of School Care Society and the Strawberry Vale Preschool Society.

Letter from Ministry of Education Re: BC21 grant,

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FACILITIES SERVICES

November 25, 1994

Mrs. Lori Alford
President
Strawberry Vale Pre-School Society
4119 Rosedale Avenue
Victoria
B. C. V8Z 5V5

Dear Mrs. Alford

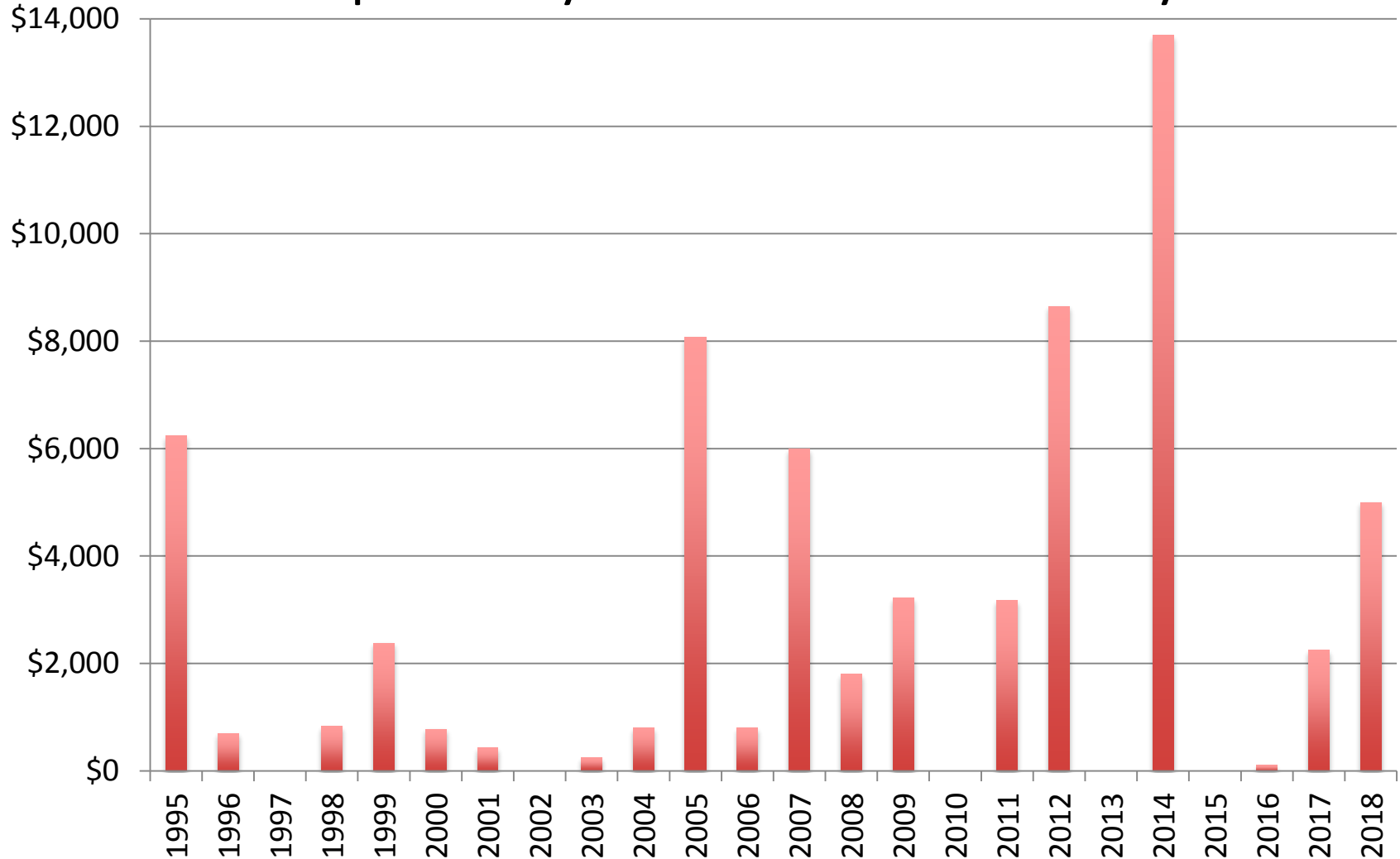
Re: Little Red Schoolhouse, Strawberry Vale Elementary:

Further to our recent conversations we confirm the following points.

1 The renovated Little Red Schoolhouse is intended to be dedicated to pre-school use permanently. The address will be the same as Strawberry Vale Elementary, 1351 Hastings Street, Victoria, B. C. V8Z 2P7. The Little Red Schoolhouse has been moved to a new position so as to be independent and separate from the new school when it is completed, to guarantee autonomous use as a pre-school facility.

Capital expenditures by preschool since 1994 (\$75,000+).

Proposed rent of \$12,000/yr almost equals our most expensive year. Is this cost recovery?



What we spent that money on

- Windows
- Wiring upgrade
- Lights
- Loft
- External paint
- Sandbox shade
- Internal paint
- Sinks
- Cupboards
- Playhouse
- Storage shed
- Pest removal
- Plumbing
- Flooded crawlspace
- Sandbox cover
- Fence

Money talks

- Original rent: \$1/year
Current rent: \$230/month
- Money collected by SD61 from SVP:
\$57,000
- Money spent by SD61 on SVP:
\$0

We Subsidize You.

- Despite guarantees that we would not be charged rent, we have been subsidizing SD61 for almost 25 years without complaint.
- We do this because you are part of our community, we value our partnership, and because our children move on to use your services.
- After the meetings last year, we budgeted for a rent increase. We have always given more than we took, and now we are being asked to give more than we are able.

Why can't we balance a budget to include the new increase?

- Our budget is ~\$87,000/year.
- 75%+ of budget pays for our ECE and ISWs
 - We pay better than most schools
 - We pay for benefits and ongoing professional development.
- 3% of budget is rent.
- **All** capital projects are paid for by grants and fundraising.

Why will the proposed agreement effectively end our preschool?

SD61 premise

- If SD61 pays for ongoing capital maintenance, then the money SVP is saving can be used for rent.

SVP reality

- The grants and fundraising that we use to pay for capital projects legally cannot be used for rent.
- We refuse to pay our teachers less to make room in our budget for rent increase.
- We will have to increase tuition by at least 12%, pricing us out of competition.

Why do we want to keep on paying for the maintenance of our building?

- We require the ability to address maintenance concerns quickly in order to meet our preschool licensing requirements.
- Inclusion a vital part of our mandate, and we need the ability to make immediate changes to accommodate differently-abled children (eg. blind, wheelchair, etc).
- We love our home.

Why do we want to keep on paying for the maintenance of our building?

- Ross Walker's office is reporting at least a year-long delay in addressing high priority issues within SD facilities.
 - We are not within the Long Term Facilities Plan
 - Not covered by your K-12 mandate
 - We are skeptical that pressing, or even critical issues can be resolved in a timely fashion.

Why do we want to keep on paying for the maintenance of our building?

- For example
 - Our license requires a fence, which is rotting away.
 - We submitted the request to do the work in February.
 - We have the money for supplies, labour lined up, and time during spring break to replace it.
 - We are still waiting for approval to do the work.

What do we need?

- The ability to continue to access grants and fundraising money to maintain our building quickly.
- A fair agreement that takes into account our contributions to our staff, our building, our District and our community.
- A stable, long-term commitment, that honours our 2/3 of a century history.

Thank you

- Thanks for listening to another of our presentations.
- Please keep these points in mind as you listen to our second and final presenter, our tireless volunteer president, Kim Guiry.