

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Special Board Meeting prior to decision on proposed Land Disposal

VICTORIA, BC — The Greater Victoria School District is hosting a Special Board Meeting next week for members of the public to share input on the proposed land disposal at Lansdowne South Campus. This will be an additional opportunity for the community to present their ideas prior to the Board considering the third reading of its land disposal bylaw.

The District is considering the sale of 1.9 acres of land south of Lansdowne Middle School to the Victoria Hospice Society for \$2.5 million. The land sale is subject to approval by the Ministry of Education and three readings of the disposal bylaw. If approved, the property would be utilized as a new Centre of Excellence for Victoria Hospice Society. Proceeds from the sale would provide the District funding to renovate and replace existing Greater Victoria schools.

In January, the Board carried the first two readings of the disposal bylaw after reviewing and taking into consideration all the input collected through public consultation. For more background information, including the Board Summary Engagement Report: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/news/title/victoria-hospice-society-to-purchase-property-from-greater-victoria-school-district/>

“Responsive to the feedback we continue to receive from the public, we are providing an additional opportunity for people to inform the Board of their hopes or concerns regarding the future use of this land,” said Board Chair Ryan Painter. “Our Board values community input and is creating the space to hear from the public prior to us reaching a final decision. This meeting reaffirms the Board’s commitment to making informed decisions while remaining transparent in our processes.”

To Register for Special Board Meeting

The virtual meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 23, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Members of the community must register to present. Each registered presenter will be allotted three minutes to share their thoughts with the Board of Education.

To register, please contact Vicki Hanley at: vhanley@sd61.bc.ca. The registration deadline is Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 4 p.m.

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