

NOTICE OF MEETING

Vancouver School Board
Secretary-Treasurer's Office
November 10, 2017

Committee II:

Allan Wong
Judy Zaichkowsky
Ken Clement
Lisa Dominato
Janet Fraser

John Lewis, Interim Superintendent of Schools
J. David Green, Secretary-Treasurer

Notice of Meeting

A Meeting of the **Planning and Facilities Committee (Committee II)** will be held in Room #180 of the Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, British Columbia, on

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm

Trustees: Joy Alexander Carrie Bercic
Fraser Ballantyne Estrellita Gonzalez

Student Trustee: Eugene Jeoung

Special Advisor: Dianne Turner

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Nancy Brennan Jim Meschino
Aaron Davis David Nelson
Magdalena Kassis Julie Pearce
Michele Kelly Ellen Roberts
Adrian Keough Rob Schindel
Brian Kuhn

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Jill Barclay, VESTA Allison Jambor, VESTA
Phoebe MacMillan, VASSA Celeste Pante, VASSA
Cathy Thomas, VEPVPA Selma Smith, VEPVPA
Tim Chester, IUOE Tim De Vivo, IUOE
Peter Powell, PASA Melissa Werfl, PASA
Amanda Leung, CUPE 15 Cynthia Schadt, CUPE 15
Anne Montgomery, DPAC Stephen Filbey or Shaun Kalley, DPAC
Stephen Kelly, Trades Raymond Szczecinski, Trades
Brent Boyd, CUPE 407
Michelle Cao, VDSC

Others: Secretary-Treasurer's Office Doug McClary
District Parents Ron Macdonald
Communications Jim de Hoop
Chris Allen Lois Schack
Lynda Bonvillain Ed. Centre Engineers
Kathie Currie, CUPE 15 Rentals
Gail Johnson, CUPE 15

COMMITTEE MEETING

COMMITTEE II – PLANNING AND FACILITIES
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 5:00 pm
Room 180, VSB Education Centre

AGENDA

The meeting is being held on the traditional unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish peoples.

Delegations

Presenters

Items Requiring Board Actions / Motions

Presenters

1. Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex Lease Bylaw

J. David Green
Tara Hamer-Hayley

Reports for Trustees' Information

2. Joint Childcare Council Progress on Goals (Verbal)
3. Seismic Mitigation Program (PowerPoint)
4. Temporary Modular Housing
5. Boundary Review Process (Verbal and PowerPoint)

Tara Hamer-Hayley

Janson Ho
Jim Meschino

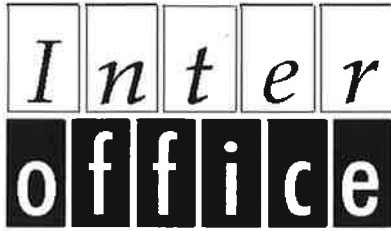
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Jim Meschino
J. David Green

Agenda Item Requests

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 5:00 pm in Room 180



Memorandum

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Date: November 10, 2017
To: Committee II - Planning and Facilities
From: David Green, Secretary-Treasurer
Tara Hamer-Hayley, Supervisor of Rentals & Leases
Re: **Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex Lease Bylaw**

ITEM 1

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal 4: Provide effective leadership, governance and stewardship

Objectives:

- Advocate for public education.
- Implement the recommendations of the Long Range Facility Plan.
- Effectively utilize school district resources and facilities.
- Support effective communication, engagement and community partnerships.
- Develop and implement a long term financial planning model.

INTRODUCTION:

This report contains a recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

The Vancouver Board of Education has leased Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex to the Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) for 5 ½ years effective January 1, 2018 at current market rates.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to Section 96 of the *School Act*, the attached ratification bylaw requires Board approval (Attachment A).

RECOMMENDATION(S):

IT IS RECOMMENDED that *Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex Lease Bylaw 2017* be:

- Read a first time the 27th day of November 2017;
- Read a second time the 27th day of November 2017;
- Read a third time the 27th day of November 2017;

and that the Chairperson and Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign, seal and register *Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex Lease Bylaw 2017*;

and that the signed and sealed *Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex Lease Bylaw 2017* be forwarded to the Ministry of Education, Funding Department, for registration and certification.

Attachment: *Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex Lease Bylaw 2017*

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (VANCOUVER)

SIR WILFRID LAURIER ANNEX LEASE BYLAW 2017

WHEREAS a board of education may dispose of land or improvements owned or administered by the board under the authority of Section 96(3) of the School Act, subject to the Orders of the Minister of Education (the "**Minister**");

AND WHEREAS the Minister issued Order M193/08 effective September 3, 2008 requiring fee simple sales and leases of land or improvements for a term of ten years or more to be specifically approved by the Minister, unless the transferee is an independent school or another school board;

AND WHEREAS Section 65(5) of the *School Act* requires a board of education to exercise a power with respect to the acquisition or disposal of property only by bylaw;

AND WHEREAS:

- (i) The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) (the "**Board**") has determined and hereby confirms that the Board will not require a portion (the "**Premises**") of the land and improvements known as Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex (the "**Property**") for future educational purposes;
- (ii) the Property is facility number 3939122;
- (iii) the address of the Property is 590 West 65th Avenue, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6P 2P8 and the legal description of the Property is:

Parcel Identifier: 014-526-654 Lot 20 (Reference Plan 10227) of Lot X Blocks 1 and 2 District Lot 311 Plan 1640; and
- (iv) the Board has entered into Lease with the Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (the "**Tenant**") to lease the Premises for a term of five and one half years (5 ½) years effective January 1, 2018, on the terms set out in the Lease dated November 15, 2017 (the "**Lease**");

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved as a Bylaw of the Board that the Board lease the Property to the Tenant on the terms and subject to the conditions set out in the Lease, and that the execution and delivery of the Lease be and is hereby ratified and approved.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that the Secretary-Treasurer be and is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Board, to execute and deliver the Lease and all related documents required to complete the lease of the Property to the Tenant pursuant to the terms of the Lease, and that all past actions of the Secretary-Treasurer in this regard be and are hereby ratified and approved.

This Bylaw may be cited as "School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex Lease Bylaw 2017".

Read a first time this 27th day of November 2017.

Read a second time this 27th day of November 2017.

Upon unanimous agreement of the Trustees of the Board in attendance, this Bylaw was read a third time on this 27th day of November 2017, and finally passed and adopted this 27th day of November 2017.

Corporate Seal

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true original of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Sir Wilfrid Laurier Annex Lease Bylaw 2017, adopted by the Board the 27th day of November 2017.

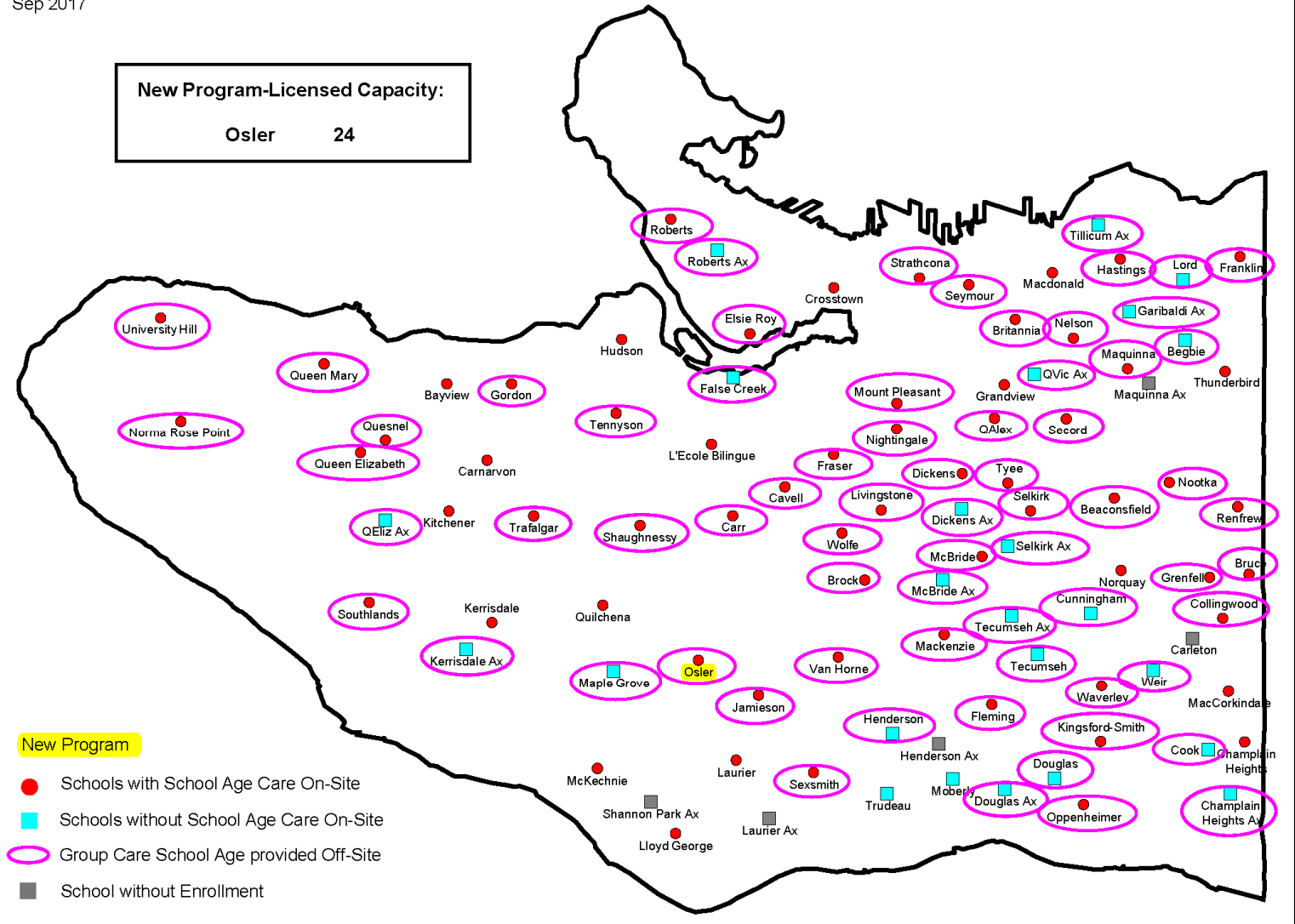
Secretary-Treasurer

Committee II
November 15, 2017

Distribution of School Age Childcare Serving VBE Elementary Schools

Sep 2017

New Program-Licensed Capacity:
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**VSB SEISMIC MITIGATION PROGRAM
PROJECT STATUS - NOVEMBER 2017**

	School	Completed	Construction	Design	Project Approval Phase	Feasibility Study	Target Occupancy
1	Gordon	*					2016
2	L'Ecole Bilingue	*					2016
3	Queen Mary	*					2016
4	Strathcona		*				2017
5	Kitsilano Sec.		*				2017
6	Nelson		*				2018
7	Kingsford-Smith		*				2018
8	Jamieson		*				2019
9	Fleming			*			2019
10	Tennyson			*			2020
11	Maple Grove			*			2020
12	Begbie				*		2021
13	Bayview				*		2021
14	Lloyd George					*	TBD
15	Hamber Sec.					*	TBD
16	Cavell					*	TBD
17	Wolfe					*	TBD
18	Weir					*	TBD
19	Thompson Sec.					*	TBD
20	Point Grey Sec.					*	TBD
21	Hudson					*	TBD
22	Livingstone					*	TBD
23	Grenfell					*	TBD
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*	Targeting 2018 Project Agreement						



Memorandum

vancouver school board



Date: November 10, 2017
To: Committee II – Planning and Facilities
From: J. David Green, Secretary-Treasurer
Re: **Temporary Modular Housing**

**ITEM 4
(Revised)**

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal 3: Create a culture of care and shared social responsibility.

Objectives:

- Encourage and enhance practices that support cultural, emotional, physical and mental well-being.
- Support collaborative relationships with community partners that enhance student learning and well-being.

INTRODUCTION:

This item is provided for information.

BACKGROUND:

The District was recently informed that the City and BC Housing were planning a development for housing near Laurier Elementary and Churchill Secondary schools. This report provides details of activities that have taken place since the announcement, under the following categories:

1. A chronology of events from a District perspective (Attachment A)
2. Concerns expressed to Trustees
3. Letter from community members to Mayor and Council copied to Trustees (Attachment B)
4. Concerns and activities at the school level.

Concerns expressed to Trustees

- Student safety/safe school environment;
- Needles in school playgrounds;
- Security at schools;
- Sufficient counselling for students;
- Students not being able to protect themselves from the dangers often associated with complicated social, mental, addiction and violence issues resulting from this housing;

- Opioid related deaths;
- The temporary housing could be on another part of the site; and
- The availability of services for the temporary modular housing residents.

Concerns and activities at the school level.

- Topic of modular housing was raised at the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and PAC executive meetings at Laurier Elementary, Churchill Secondary and Sexsmith Elementary.
- Principals communicated directly with PAC chairs to ensure their awareness of the City of Vancouver process.
- Principals encouraged interested and concerned parents and community members to attend the City information sessions.
- Laurier School put a notice in the school newsletter making parents aware of the City of Vancouver information sessions.
- Key messages from Communications Department were forwarded to principals and used as needed within the community.
- Many parents and community members approached Principals on the topic, and principals pointed them to appropriate City staff and venue for communication.
- City of Vancouver contact person Abi Bond was available as a direct contact person to the PAC executive at Churchill, and also communicated with the school principal.
- Churchill Secondary offered their auditorium to the City for an information session; City decided to do sessions at Langara.
- Laurier Elementary Principal attended one of the City of Vancouver information sessions.

Attachment A

Temporary Modular Housing timeline

October 24

VSB Associate Superintendent David Nelson and VSB Communications became aware of the plan for Temporary Modular Housing at 650 West 57 Ave. That afternoon, VSB staff had a conference call with Abi Bond and Liza Jimenez from the City of Vancouver (COV). Attending for VSB were:

- David Green, Secretary-Treasurer
- Magdalena Kassis, Director of Instruction for the Churchill family of schools
- Jim Meschino, Director of Facilities
- Jim de Hoop, Manager of Planning
- David Connop Price, Communications and Engagement Coordinator

During the conference call, Bond and Jimenez explained the plan and the information sessions they had planned for the local community. They agreed to send copies of their information material to the district, which they did at the end of the day.

The Secretary-Treasurer prepared a briefing for the Official Trustee, which included COV information material.

October 25

The Official Trustee shared her briefing with the recently elected trustees.

Naveen Girn, COV Director of Community Relations for the Mayor's Office, offered the Director of Instruction for the Churchill family of schools an opportunity to share her thoughts and concerns with Mayor Gregor Robertson. Superintendent John Lewis suggests the COV request a teleconference meeting rather than an ad hoc call.

October 26

Acting Principal at Laurier Elementary approached by parents asking about the plan. She asks for a message they can include in their school newsletter. VSB Communications redrafts key messages for a newsletter format.

October 30

The Superintendent updates the Official Trustee and incoming board about concerns being expressed by parents and community members.

November 1

VSB Communications shares expanded key messages with senior staff.

November 2

COV adds more community information sessions.

COV holds first community information session at Langara College.

VSB Communications prepares draft letter from board chairperson to reply to parent correspondence.

November 3

The Province newspaper publishes a letter about the plan.

November 5

News1130 reports on the plan and a protest set for November 6.

VSB Communications updates key messages with details of new information sessions and shares this with the principals of Laurier Elementary and Churchill Secondary.

Associate Superintendent David Nelson provides guidance to the principal at Laurier Elementary.

The Superintendent updates the board chairperson on the issue, including the planned protest.

November 6

Protest near Laurier Elementary.

VSB Communications updates draft trustee reply letter. The Superintendent asks for this to be shared with the board chairperson.

Media coverage about the plan on Global, CTV and in Singtao.

COV community information session at Langara Golf Course Clubhouse.

November 7

Media coverage about the plan in the Vancouver Sun, the Globe and Mail, Metro, Vancouver Courier, Lahoo and on CBC and Global.

COV community information session at Langara Golf Course clubhouse.

November 8

COV community information session at Langara Golf Course clubhouse.

COV announces locations of two more temporary modular housing schemes.

November 9

Media coverage about the plan in Metro.

We are writing to you to express our extreme concerns about and strong oppositions to the decision made to build temporary modular housing at 650 W 57th Ave., Vancouver at the Pearson-Dogwood site (the "**Site**").

City Must Follow Due Process and Have Community Consultations

First, how can a decision that can and will have a major impact on our community, our students and residents be made without any public consultation? We are hard-working people who, like many others, struggle to keep up with the increasing costs of living in this city. We pay astronomical property taxes, which often increases drastically in just one year, but have to find out from the newspaper that housing for the homeless will be built across the street from my children's school. Some of us received a notice of community consultation AFTER the article was published, if at all. The perception of this after-the fact notice is that the City was scrambling to give the appearance of consultation and listening, despite having already made a decision unilaterally.

We are aware of the changes in the bylaws that purportedly deleted the requirement for public hearings for temporary modular houses, but that decision and the procedures leading to that decision are not without controversies. Moreover, the changes in the bylaws does not mean that the Mayor and City Councillors may let down the trust from their voters or to discard the community's legitimate concerns at wish. **Rather, if anything, the changes in the bylaws mean that the Mayor and City Councillors must even be more prudent and follow due processes and natural justice, sincerely and meaningfully caring for and consulting with the communities involved.**

Three Schools and 2,500 Kids in Danger

Secondly, it does not take a genius to realize that the Site is by no means a suitable location for the temporary modular housing. The Site will be directly across the streets from three schools, including Ideal Mini School, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Elementary School and Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School. Overall over 2,500 students will be directly affected, not to mention the preschool, daycare, playground and park that is just one block away. You could not have picked a location with a higher concentration of children. This decision puts our children at extraordinary risks and possibly lifelong trauma if anything were to happen to them. Many of the children are at the age to go to school by themselves without company by parents. However, they may not have the ability or maturity to protect themselves from dangers that are often associated with complicated social, mental, addition and violence issues resulting from the modular

house and their users, which issues were acknowledged by the City of Vancouver itself in their reports. We just cannot take chances and put our kids at such extraordinary and unfair risks --any low probability will become 100% reality if anything happens to any kid or a family. That is a not acceptable.

We Are Willing to Help

Our community members have been very generous and enthusiastic at supporting charity affairs, by numerous donation and volunteering our times. We are not necessarily opposed to the idea of helping the homeless either. However, the choice of the location must be safe and appropriate. From all aspects, this Site does not meet that requirement, particularly due to its impact on children and schools. We have heard people saying that the Site will also accommodate homeless from Marpole Community, but that reason alone does not justify locating the modular houses across three schools. We welcome the opportunity and efforts to help the homeless through alternative and holistic means, rather than just throwing them in modular houses across three schools and 2,500 kids.

Conclusion

If the City really wants to help the homeless, they need to be transparent, sincere and include the residents of this community in this process. Changes in the bylaws not only raise questions about due process and natural justice, but also require the City's Mayor and Councillors to be even more prudent in this decision making process. Forcing this down our throats is not the way to go about it and will only cause further resentment to such unfair decision-making process and those who are eventually housed at the Site.

The safety of our children and our communities has to be paramount when making decisions of this nature. The plan for temporary modular housing at this Site needs to be terminated immediately!