

HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD Capital Construction Projects 2017 – 2018

PURPOSE:

The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development has requested that the Governing Board provide an alphabetical list of school projects (*new school construction, additions & alterations and areas where a Skilled Trades Centre is being considered*) to EECD staff. The purpose of this report is to inform the Governing Board of staff priorities for current capital construction needs.

BACKGROUND:

The Boards' first Long-Range Outlook was presented in **April 2015** and Halifax Regional School Board staff now use the information to support capital infrastructure renewal planning.

At its **October 2015** board meeting, the Governing Board received report 2015-09-35 *Long-Range Outlook Action Plan* from staff for information. The plan is a schedule of processes that will inform decisions regarding future school construction, renovations, boundary changes, grade reconfigurations, school consolidations, and school closures. The Governing Board has approved the first two processes from the Long-Range Outlook Action Plan which are School Reviews (Citadel and Eastern Passage) scheduled for completion by June 2016.

At its **November 2015** meeting, the Governing Board approved the following motion:

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the Superintendent provide a report at the December Regular Board Meeting regarding the Halifax Regional School Board 2016-2017 Capital Construction Priorities for submission to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

As a result, at its **December 2015** Board meeting the Governing Board approved report 2015-12-50 *Capital Construction Priorities 2016-17* and the information was submitted to the EECD.

On **December 17, 2015** the Deputy Minister of EECD requested through a letter to the Superintendent that the Board advise whether it believes it needs to keep any of our existing P-3 schools. Report 2016-01-03 *P3 Schools Decision*, recommending the continued need for all ten P-3 schools, was submitted to EECD following a board motion at the Regular Board meeting January 27, 2016.

It was moved and seconded (Littlefair/Jakeman) that the Governing Board direct the Superintendent to advise the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development of the continued need for all ten P-3 schools in HRSB.

On **January 28, 2016** the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development advised through a letter to the Board Chair, that the government is beginning its capital planning process for the three-year period beginning with the 2017-18 fiscal year. In this letter the Minister requested the Governing Board to provide an alphabetical list of school projects (new school or alterations & additions), including identification of areas where a Skilled Trades Centre is being considered, to EECD department staff by February 29, 2016. This deadline was subsequently extended to March 31, 2016.

CONTENT:

The January 28 letter from EECD for submission of capital school projects provides an opportunity to ensure HRSB facility renewal projects are being considered along with other provincial project funding requests.

Appendix A: *HRSB School Capital Construction Project Considerations 2017-18* below includes projects by Family of Schools based on information from the Long-Range Outlook and staff understanding of facility infrastructure renewal requirements. This list comprises the HRSB school projects for consideration of capital funding by EECD over three years starting in 2017-18.

COST:

N/A

FUNDING:

N/A

TIMELINE:

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: *HRSB Capital Construction Project Considerations 2017-2018*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Governing Board approve the School Capital Construction Project Considerations 2017-2018 and direct staff to forward it to EECD staff in response to the Minister's request.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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Appendix A: HRSB School Capital Construction Project Considerations 2017-18

Alphabetical by Family of Schools	Project	Comments
Charles P Allen High	<p>New Elementary School New Junior High School New High School or <i>Addition & Alteration</i> to existing high school</p> <p>Sunnyside Elementary <i>Addition & Alteration</i></p>	<p>There is continuing residential development and projected enrollment growth in this family of schools (as well as in the neighbouring Halifax West Family of Schools at Bedford South and Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary schools). Enrollment is over capacity at Hammonds Plains and Madeline Symonds Schools and Basinview school is at capacity.</p> <p>Priority: The current data supports a new school project to address this enrollment growth.</p> <p>A future school review will inform additional capital construction requests regarding this area.</p> <p>Renovation to extend useful life of building</p>
Citadel High	<p>Halifax Peninsula North – capital investment elementary</p> <p>Halifax Peninsula North – capital investment junior high</p> <p>Halifax Peninsula South – capital investment elementary</p> <p>Halifax Peninsula South – capital investment junior high</p>	<p>The replacement of aging infrastructure in this Family of Schools is a priority. There is currently a School Review underway that includes 5 schools within the north peninsula area. A report from the School Options Committee is expected in June. This will inform the Governing Board’s decisions about capital investment in this area.</p> <p>Priority: The current data supports capital investment in building infrastructure.</p> <p>Replacement school for aging elementary schools</p> <p>Replacement school for aging junior high schools</p> <p>A future school review will inform additional capital construction requests regarding this area.</p>
Dartmouth High	<p>Bicentennial School <i>Addition & Alteration</i></p>	<p>The majority of schools in this Family of Schools require an update of building systems, classroom and specialty program spaces. Major renovations or new school replacements are needed.</p> <p>A Tangible Capital Asset (TCA) Repair project at Bicentennial is currently in progress to address deferred maintenance and program space upgrades. An addition and alteration project would be a commitment to upgrade building systems and program spaces.</p>
Eastern Shore District High	<p>Eastern Shore District High <i>Addition & Alteration</i></p>	<p>Eastern Shore District High School requires upgrades to building systems, classroom and specialty program spaces. A TCA Repair project at ESDH is currently in progress to address deferred maintenance and program space upgrades. An addition and alteration project would be a commitment to upgrade building systems and program spaces.</p>

JL IIsley High	JL IIsley High <i>Addition & Alteration</i>	<p>Schools in this Family of Schools require an update of building systems, classroom and specialty program spaces. A future school review will inform specific capital construction requests regarding this area.</p> <p>A TCA Repair project is currently in progress at JL IIsley High school to address deferred maintenance and program space upgrades. An addition and alteration project would be a commitment to upgrade building systems and program spaces.</p>
Sir John A. Macdonald High School	Skilled Trades Centre	Construct a new dedicated space at the high school for delivery of Skilled Trades program.
Various Schools	Energy Upgrade Project Phase II	The four year Energy Upgrade project work at 90 schools will be completed in 2016-17. HRSB is seeking additional multi-year funding to continue with more energy upgrade projects.