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PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW – CORNWALL AREA ARC MEETING WITH THE CITY OF CORNWALL MINUTES

Monday, November 21st, 2016, 9:30 am
St. Joseph CSS, Cornwall, Library

Chair:

John Cameron, Superintendent of School Effectiveness

City of Cornwall Delegation:

Maureen Adams	Chief Administrative Officer
Mark Boileau	GM Planning, Development & Recreation
Ken Bedford	Supervisor Planning Division

Members of the public:

Ron Eamer	CDSBEO, Trustee
Todd Lalonde	CDSBEO, Trustee, Vice Chair

Resource Staff:

Bonnie Norton, Superintendent of Business, CDSBEO
Jack Ammendolia, C.N. Watson Economists

Recorder:

Karen O'Shaughnessy, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent John Cameron

Call to Order:

John Cameron, Chair of the Pupil Accommodation Review – Cornwall Area ARC Committee, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

1. Prayer
Superintendent Cameron began the meeting with a prayer.
2. Introductions
The Chair welcomed the group and thanked them for attending. Superintendent Cameron introduced Bonnie Norton, Superintendent of Business and Jack Ammendolia from C.N. Watson Economists. Both will be making presentations this morning. At this time, the City of Cornwall representatives shared their name and role. Copies of the *Appendix 1, Initial Staff Report – Report 1, Cornwall Review Area, October 2016* that will be referenced throughout the meeting were distributed.

3. Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) Process, Timelines and Enrolment & Capacity in Cornwall

Superintendent Norton distributed a hard copy of a slide presentation (HERE) and worked through it together giving the group a brief overview of the ARC process. If anyone has any questions, feel free to ask at any time. The representatives from the City of Cornwall have been advised that they may attend the Public Meetings if interested.

Question: Is the *Appendix 1, Initial Staff Report – Report 1, Cornwall Review Area, October 2016* a confidential document.

Response: Superintendent Norton shared that all documents of the process including agendas, minutes of meetings and presentations are available on the CDSBEO website under the Pupil Accommodation Review page.

Question: Is their interaction with the Ministry regarding this process, is it a school board initiative that is brought forward?

Response: Yes, that is correct, the board begins the process with the understanding as laid out in the board policy, the ministry has set out Pupil Accommodation Guidelines that must be followed.

4. Demographics, Enrolment & Residential Development

Jack Ammendolia, C.N. Watson Economists spoke next. Mr. Ammendolia told the group that lots of information will be forthcoming. Why and what the process is about? He told the group that the demographic information will help give the ARC Committee perspective and context with the data presented. Mr. Ammendolia began his section of the presentation (slide 10) giving the group an overview of the census data used in the School Information Profiles. Superintendent Norton added that the data provides context as to the reasoning for embarking on the ARC process. A member of the City of Cornwall staff stated that the city is familiar with the firm C.N. Watson Economists as they employ the same firm for planning purposes and the numbers are no surprise to those sitting around the table.

Question: Are the enrolment numbers on slide 14 only for the Catholic Board?

Response: Yes, they are, City of Cornwall Catholic schools.

Question: With the changes happening with our co-terminus board, does the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario see a change in your enrolment numbers?

Response: In the next year or two, depending on the decisions that the co-terminus board makes, we will have to see if the participation rate starts to change. We do look at enrolment share and try and factor in as many decisions as possible. It is hard to consider without knowing what will happen. It is difficult to read, the board may see some impact and may have to make contingency plans. There may be an impact on enrolment and that may have to be revisited. The co-terminus Board's plans are still in transition, how it will impact CDSBEO is unknown at this time.

Question: Did the construction of the new Bridgewood school affects the enrolment numbers with our board?

Response: No, there was minimal impact on enrolment.

Question: The city has noticed that building trends are changing, senior types of units being built, high density/lower number of persons per unit, tough time increasing population, out migration/no in migration, children moving away. Older demographic, not necessarily families moving in to the area.

Response: Yes, with the population forecast, we see a difference for school aged children, use a different projection module. There may not be an impact on school aged children numbers. People coming back are 50 +, not having children, different lifestyles.

Question: Was St. Joseph CHS ever a 7-8 elementary school as well as 9-12?

Response: No, it is actually the only secondary school within the board that has a 9-12 student population.

Mr. Ammendolia explained that on slide 19 you can see the Utilization of Space is different within the schools and St. Anne's is showing high numbers. It is interesting to note that St. Anne has a 10 classroom RCM (removable classroom module) that is for all intent purposes a permanent addition to the building, but for Ministry rated purposes, it does not include it as permanent capacity. St. Anne shows up as being over utilized, in fact it is pretty much at capacity.

Question: Are Catholic school boards shifting in their requirements to attract students?

Response: It is not being considered, secondary schools have open access. In the case of non-Catholic students currently attending our schools, parents must sign an agreement and students participate in certain activities. In secondary schools, students must also complete 4 religion credits that are compulsory. Other school boards may have different requirements.

Question: Mr. Ammendolia indicated that feedback from the City of Cornwall is twofold; the board would like to hear from the City of Cornwall's planning perspective, to ensure that our numbers are consistent with what the city is forecasting, for example: ensuring that the board is not making a recommendation to consolidate a school and the municipality is saying that they have a subdivision of 1000 new single family units planned for the same area. C.N. Watson has been working with colleagues in the municipal side of the firm to ensure the enrolment projections are in line with the city plans. As a general community perspective, is there anything in the board plans that would cause the municipality to question the recommendations? The school board is not looking for an approval from the municipality to go forward, we would like to ensure we are on the same page.

Response: The municipality recognizes that there is nothing in the report that they are not aware of or haven't seen. The city has an excellent map that shows plans of future subdivisions that is very helpful in planning. Areas that have forecasted potential growth are: East Ridge, Mercier, Tollgate Road between McConnell Avenue and Pitt Street and quite possibly the former Domtar lands. We are seeing development in the north areas of the city which are showing great growth, some in the east and not so much in the west at this time.

Question: City representatives asked if the board is looking for Greenfield sites rather than Brownfield sites for future development.

Response: From a school board perspective, it's unlikely that the Ministry of Education would approve funding of a Brownfield site because the possible environmental costs to rehabilitate. Therefore, it's easier for a school board to say; here is a 4 acre parcel of Greenfield space with minimal cost of site prep.

5. Staff Recommendations & Proposed Boundaries

Superintendent Norton reviewed both Staff Recommendations (Option 1 and 2) with the group and explaining their differences. She explained that the proposed school boundaries showing on the maps may change to mirror the elementary boundaries with the secondary boundaries.

This is where we are now and we would appreciate feedback from the City of Cornwall representatives here today.

Question: Has the school board been in contact with the co-terminus Board? And do you have any idea what might happen if they close the schools in their ARC review?

Response: At this point, we have not had any discussion with them.

Question: Has the board considered locations for the new Sacred Heart and St. Joseph CSS if Option 1 is the preferred Option?

Response: The board would make sure to keep a presence in the present areas, where the student population actually lives. A north end presence is very important.

Question: What happens to vacant school properties?

Response: The Board is required to follow Regulation 444/98 concerning the disposition of surplus space. A list of preferred agencies are offered the property first prior to it going on the open market. The municipality is one of the preferred agencies.

Question: Superintendent Norton asked the city representatives if they are aware of any parcels of land that could possibly be used for a new school build.

Response: The city responded that the area between Pitt and McConnell Streets near Tollgate Road are seeing growth and may have land available.

Mr. Ammendolia said that down the road, once the Business Case is approved by the Ministry of Education and the board moves ahead with either option, the board and municipality could continue the conversation.

Superintendent Norton spoke of the Public Meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. and explaining the plans for the evening and invited all to attend.

Superintendent Cameron thanked the City of Cornwall representatives for attending. It was a very productive meeting and looking forward to working together as this process continues.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Distribution:
City of Cornwall
ARC Members

PAR Future meeting dates:
November 30, 2016 – Public Meeting #1
December 7, 2016 – ARC Working Meeting #2
December 14, 2016 – ARC Working Meeting #3 (TBD)
January 18, 2017 – ARC Working Meeting #4 (TBD)
February 15, 2017 – Public Meeting #2
February 22, 2017 – ARC Working Meeting #5 (TBD)