

West Glanbrook Accommodation Review Committee & Final Staff Recommendation

Bell-Stone – Mount Hope

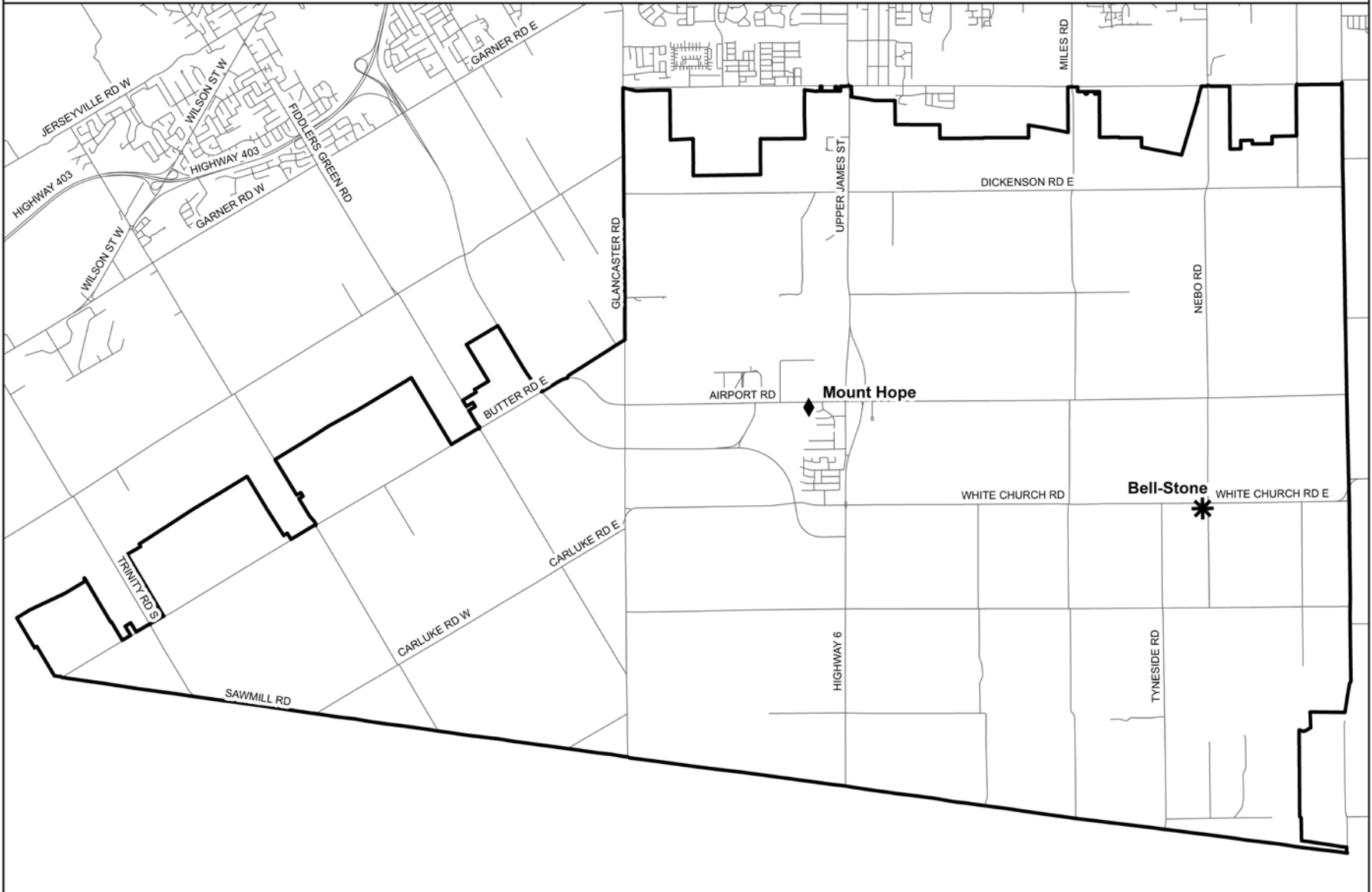
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Final ARC Recommendation #1

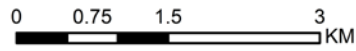
- The closure of Bell-Stone Elementary School in **June of 2014**.
- All students from Bell-Stone attend Mount Hope Elementary School.
- Committee proposes the following facility renovations at Mount Hope:

| Capital Request | Year of Completion |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Upgraded Student Washrooms | 2014 |
| Full Day Kindergarten Addition | 2015 |
| Parking Lot – Configuration | 2015 |
| Playground – Surface | 2015 |
| Gym Expansion | 2015 |

West Glanbrook Accommodation - Recommendation #1



- ▲ Jr Elementary ◆ K-8 Elementary
- * Closed School ● Middle School
- ▭ Proposed Mount Hope Boundary



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Financial Summary

Funding: Develop a funding strategy to address any capital works that are contemplated in the recommendations above.

Estimated cost of initial ARC recommended projects: **\$1.4 M**

Proposed Funding Strategy:

Estimated proceeds of disposition: \$400,000

One Year Operational Savings: \$160,000

Full Day Kindergarten Funding: \$475,000

School Renewal Grant (SRG): \$2.3 M (to be review on an annual basis)

Final ARC Recommendation #2

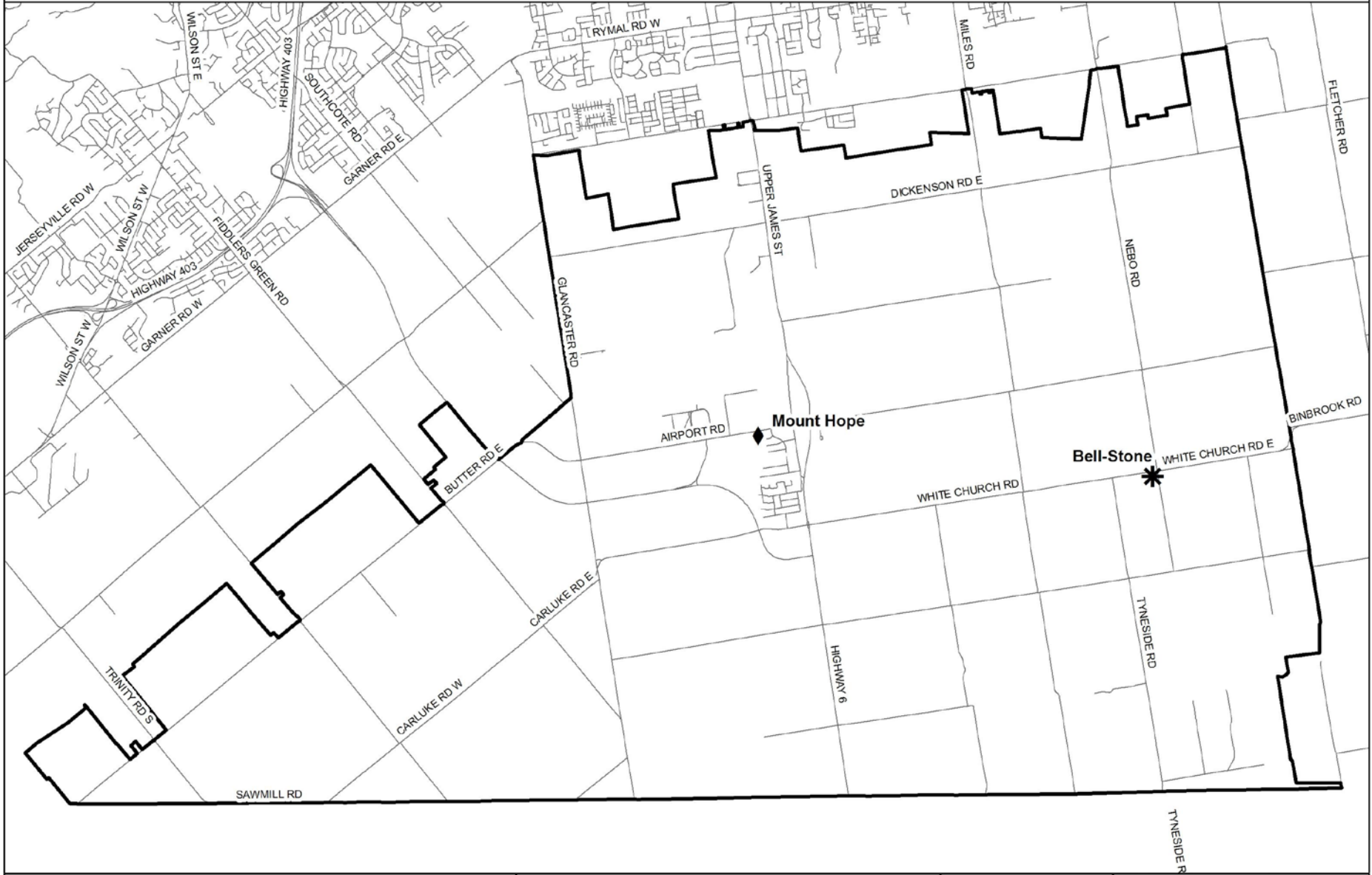
- Bell-Stone Elementary School and Mount Hope Elementary School to remain open and to complete a second accommodation review including Bell-Stone and Mount Hope, as well as Bellmoore Elementary School.

- By including Bellmoore in an accommodation review with Mount Hope and Bell-Stone the committee believes there are more solutions (e.g., grade re-organization, boundary change) to the accommodation issues in the area.

Final Staff Recommendation

- The closure of Bell-Stone Elementary School in **June of 2014**.
 - Closure and timelines are same as ARC Recommendation #1
- All students from Bell-Stone attend Mount Hope Elementary School.
- Under the staff recommendation it is proposed that work on any facility upgrades begin in summer 2014.

West Glanbrook Accommodation Review Staff Option



▲ Jr Elementary ◆ K-8 Elementary □ Elem Boundary
 * Closed School ● Middle School






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Reference Criteria

- ❑ **Facility Utilization:** Facility Utilization is defined as enrolment as a percentage of “on-the-ground” capacity. The goal is to maximize the use of Board owned facilities over the long-term.
 - ✓ With the closure of Bell-Stone in 2014 the Mount Hope Utilization will increase to 99% in 2014 and 108% by 2022.
- ❑ Under the status quo option, the utilization rate is projected to be 35% at Bell-Stone and 91% at Mount Hope in 2022.

**Please note that ARC recommendation #1 and the staff recommendation reference criteria analysis are the same

Reference Criteria

- ❑ **Permanent and Non-permanent Accommodation:** Permanent accommodation refers to “bricks and mortar” while non-permanent construction includes structures such as portables and port-a-paks. The goal is to minimize the use of non-permanent accommodation as a long-term strategy while recognizing that it may be a good short-term solution.

- ✓ The closure of Bell-Stone would not require the use of portables or portapaks.

**Please note that ARC recommendation #1 and the staff recommendation reference criteria analysis are the same

Reference Criteria

- Program Offerings:** The Accommodation Review Committee must consider program offerings, each with their own specific requirements, at each location.
- ✓ Bell-Stone students move to a JK-8 school from a JK-6 school.
- ✓ All students will also continue to have the same access to program, extra-curriculars and learning resources.

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Reference Criteria

- ❑ **Quality Teaching and Learning Environments:** The Accommodation Review Committee should consider the program environments and how well they are conducive to learning.
 - ✓ Multiple classes per grade in the school allows for teacher collaboration with grade and division teams.
 - ✓ Larger school often offers greater choice for co-curricular (e.g., school events, excursions) and extra-curricular activities (e.g., clubs, athletics).
 - ✓ Bell-Stone students move to a JK-8 facility reducing the number of transitions before secondary school.

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Reference Criteria

- ❑ **Transportation:** The Accommodation Review Committee should consider the Board's existing Transportation Policy and how it may be impacted by or limit proposed accommodation recommendations.
 - ✓ Recommendation will adhere to HWDSB Transportation Policy.
 - ✓ No additional transportation will be required to bus the Bell-Stone students to Mount Hope.

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Reference Criteria

- Partnerships Opportunities:** As a requirement of the Policy and Ministry guidelines, the Accommodation Review Committee should also consider opportunities for partnerships.
- Equity:** The Accommodation Review Committee should consider the Board's Equity Policy, specifically as it relates to accessibility, both in terms of the physical school access as well as transportation and program environments.
- ✓ HWDSB has considered and inquired about potential partnership opportunities with no appropriate responses
- ✓ The recommendation will adhere to HWDSB's Equity policy noting that Mount Hope facility still requires upgrades meet the physical accessibility standard.

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Long Term Facilities Master Plan

Guiding Principles

- ✓ **School Utilization** – Optimal Utilization rates of School facilities is in the range of 90%-110%.
- ✓ **School Capacity** – Optimal school capacity would be 500 to 600 students, which creates two to three classes for each grade. Combining the two rural schools brings Mount Hope closer to school capacity guiding principle.
- ✓ **School Grade/Organization** – Kindergarten to-Grade 8 facilities.
- ✓ **School Site Size** – Optimal elementary school site size would be approximately 6 acres.

**Please note that ARC recommendation #1 and the staff recommendation LTFMP guiding principles analysis are the same

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Capital Requirements

- Under the staff recommendation it is proposed that work on any facility upgrades begin in summer 2014.
- Windows and Student washroom are the priority renewal needs.
- Facilities Management is also proposing reviewing the FDK space at Mount Hope and will determine the need for a third FDK room.

Funding Strategy

Funding: Develop a funding strategy to address any capital works that are contemplated in the recommendations above.

Estimated cost of initial staff recommended projects: **\$2 M**

Proposed Funding Strategy:

Estimated proceeds of disposition: \$400,000

One Year Operational Savings: \$160,000

Full Day Kindergarten Funding: \$475,000

School Renewal Grant (SRG): \$1.7 M (to be review on an annual basis)

Summary

- ❑ The West Glanbrook Accommodation Review Committee and staff have recommended the closure of Bell-Stone Elementary School in June 2014 and amalgamate with Mount Hope Elementary School.
- ❑ Through the closure of Bell-Stone the board would eliminate an estimated \$2.7 M in future renewal needs.
- ❑ Under the staff recommendation it is proposed that work on any facility upgrades begin in summer 2014 at Mount Hope.
- ❑ Upon completion of this analysis, that the ARC and staff recommendation will serve the short and long term needs of the community and The Board as a whole.