



**Ancaster Accommodation Review
Working Group Meeting #4
Wednesday February 15, 2017
6:00 pm**

**CH Bray
99 Dunham Drive
Ancaster, Ontario**

Agenda

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| 1. CH Bray Tour | 15 mins |
| 2. Standing Items | 10 mins |
| a. Confirmation of Working Group Meeting #3 Minutes | |
| b. Correspondence | |
| 3. Tiffany Hills Tour Scheduling | 5 mins |
| 4. Accommodation Option Activity | 90 mins |
| 5. Next Steps | |

Received February 9, 2017

Hi Bill,

I'm writing you to express my concern with the news of the potential closure of Queen's Rangers. Having raised my kids in a rural community with the benefit of a smaller elementary school to help ease them into the school system, I understand the parents concerns with the gravity of the changes that are being considered. The bus travel time at such a young age and safety issues that accompany it are great reasons alone to reconsider. Queen's Rangers has been a big support to my local business (Domino's Pizza Ancaster) for quite some time. I hope to continue this relationship for many years to come.

Kindest regards,

Cindy Meyer
Franchisee
Domino's Pizza Ancaster

Received February 9, 2017

Dear Alex Johnstone,

I am writing this letter to you in regards to the recent Accommodation Review by the Hamilton District School Board. I have found out that the board is considering closing down Queen's Rangers Elementary School. We currently have a school lunch program with the school and love to see that there is still service in rural Copetown/Ancaster/Dundas. It would be unfortunate if the school were to close because I have talked to many parents and they love the school and would hate to see it go. Although the school population is not that large, it does function very well and more schools should follow their examples instead of becoming semi-factories like other schools have become. And the people that will be most affected will be the parents that live in the rural area and have to travel much further to get their kids to school if they are not on the bus route. I hope the board will consider keeping the school open and keeping a piece of the charm that makes up this beautiful part of Hamilton.

Sincerely,
Zaya Oshana
Owner
Pita Pit- Ancaster



To Bill Torrens and Alex Johnstone:

Jan 16, 2016

We, the parents of C.H.Bray School, wish to express our strong support of the Initial Option put forth in the Ancaster Pupil Accomodation Review. We have a fantastic community of teachers, staff, and parents, but the condition of the school building has been unacceptable for quite some time. It is the only option presented in which our students will be able to enjoy the standards of equity and safety set forth by the school board for all HWDSB Elementary students, and to maintain our small community culture.

It is alarming how many high and urgent need items there are at C.H.Bray, which calls into question the safety of the building. We are over-populated with no drop in enrollment expected over the next 10 years. Our children deserve the same amount of learning space enjoyed by other students in HWDSB. A new building would allow for all of this, and for planning better placement of the school on the property to accommodate the dire need for a better parking and/or drop off area in front of the school.

We do not want an overly large elementary school (600+ students) and would like to maintain a smaller school culture if at all possible (400-600 students). Not only do numerous studies show that smaller schools are better for the education of students and for building strong communities, but C.H.Bray exemplifies these findings by consistently scoring above the average HWDSB EQAO results, and in the high percentage of parent involvement in numerous volunteer capacities.

We would welcome the addition of Queens Rangers School students, especially in the context of a new school to provide the safe and equitable space (and learning opportunities that space will provide) that our students and staff need and deserve.

Thank you for considering our input.

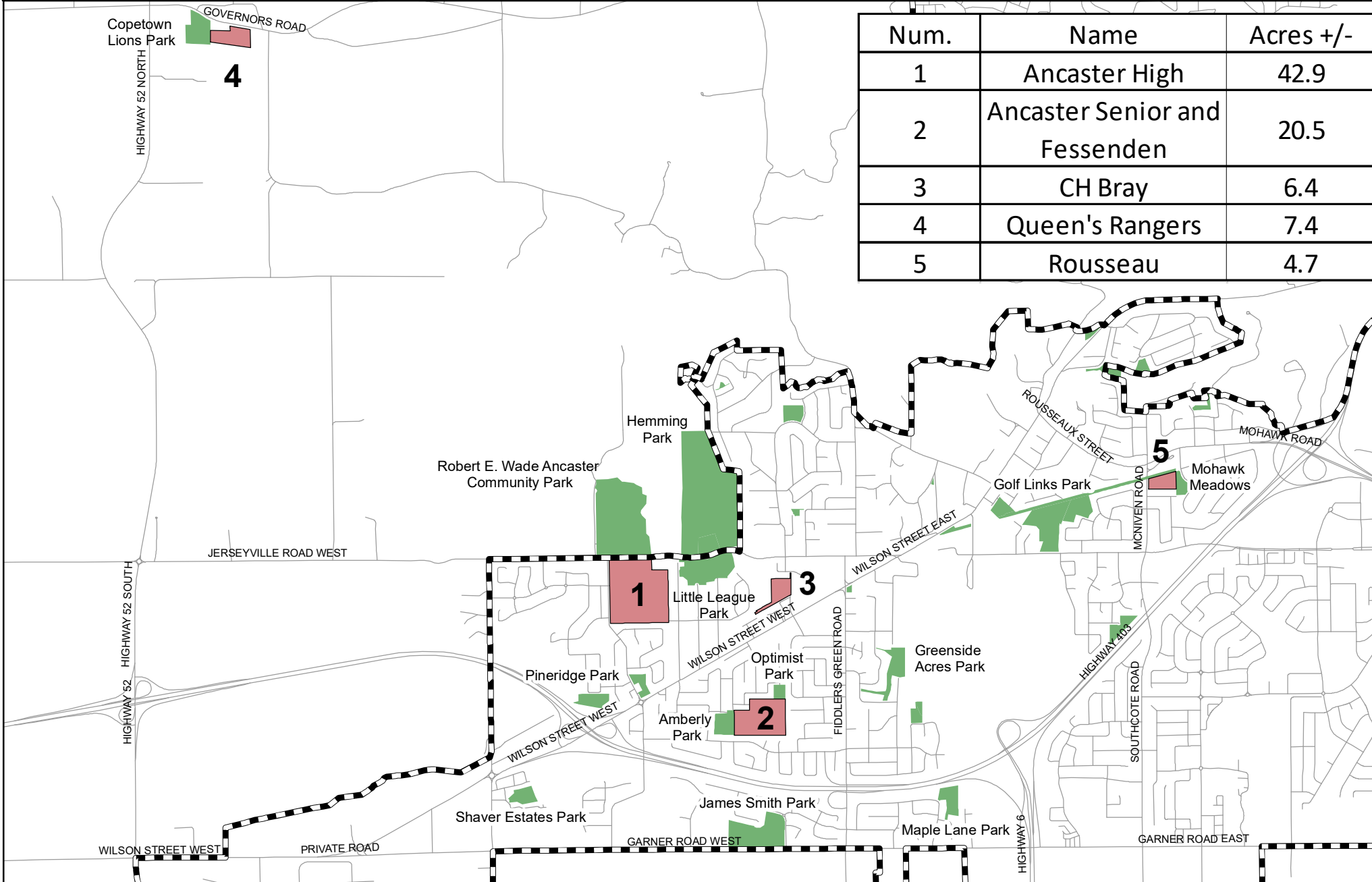


Karen Lane-Groen

Parent at C.H.Bray school, on behalf of The C.H.Bray Community


HWDSB School Sites

Num.	Name	Acres +/-
1	Ancaster High	42.9
2	Ancaster Senior and Fessenden	20.5
3	CH Bray	6.4
4	Queen's Rangers	7.4
5	Rousseau	4.7



Hamilt'n Parks
 Urban Boundary

 HWDSB Land


0
0.5
1
2 Km

 Source: Parks - City of Hamilton



Planning & Accommodation

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