

Bellmoore Elementary School Community Information Meeting

December 11, 2018

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Welcome and Introductions

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The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

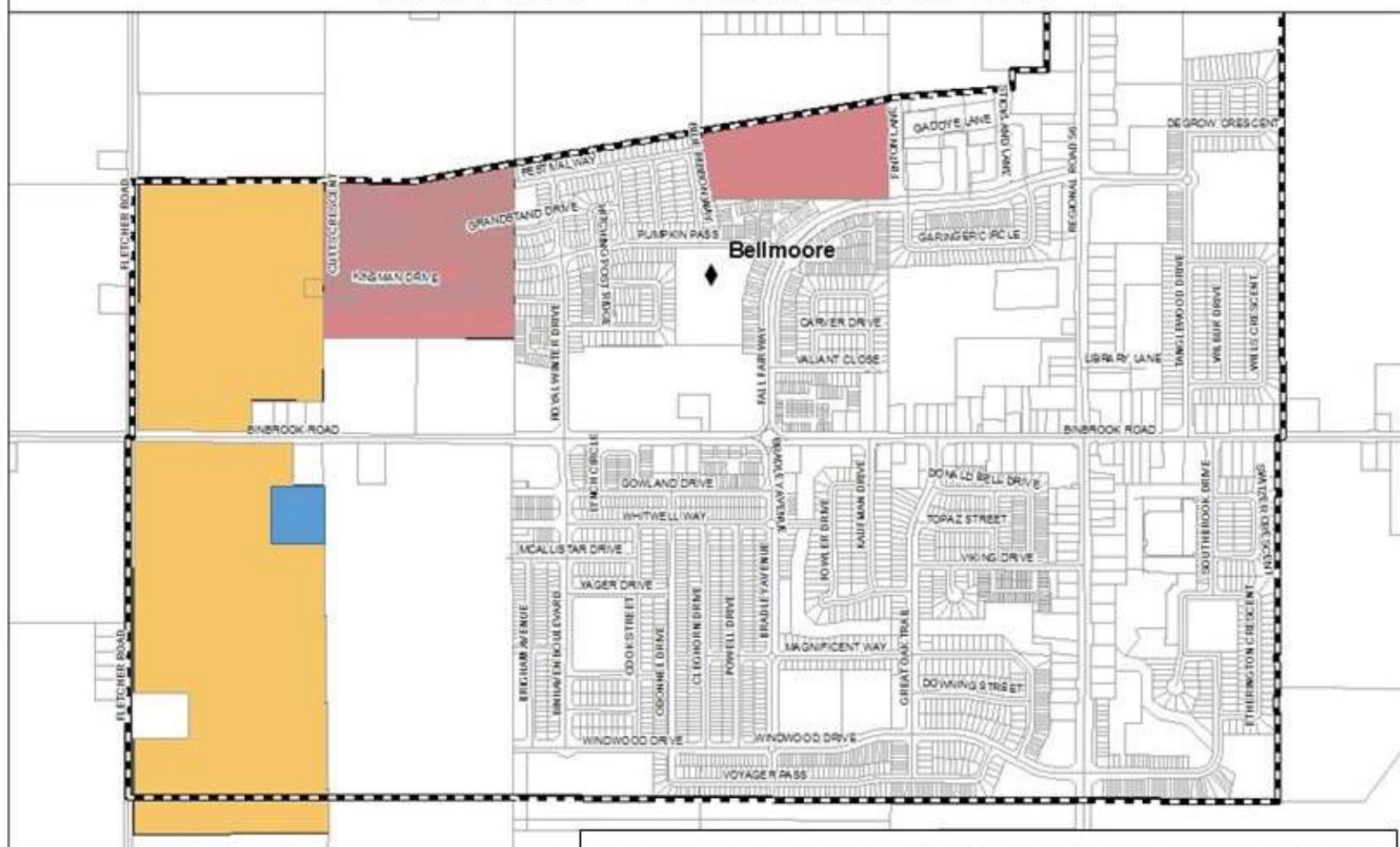
The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.



- Introductions
- Information shared by staff
- Questions
- Facilitated Discussion - further questions and thoughts

- Ministry funding – design, receive regulatory approvals and permits, tendered within budget – can take upwards of 18 months
- Construction follows and takes 12 – 16 months
- Ministry does not always approve all proposals
- In most cases building a new school requires moving students to another location, short term solutions are needed
- Board is always looking for ways to minimize transitions for students and acknowledges short term relocations are necessary and will work with communities
- Parents and community input through Transition Committee to Summit Park begins in January 2019 for all schools (Bellmoore, Tapleytown, and Janet Lee)



Location and size of school site is approximate

Residential Development

- Active
- Urban Boundary

- January 18, 2018 – information session at Bellmoore – short and long term accomodation strategy
- May 28, 2018 Boundary approved for Summit Park by Board of Trustees
- June 2018 – community at Bellmoore informed students would need to be moved due to enrollment pressures as a short term solution
- K-6 designation of Bellmoore for 2019 in November 2018 by Board
- November 2018 – letter to families that Gr. 7 – 8 moving to temporary accomadation strategy at Summitt Park site
- Dec 11, 2018 – information session for parents

- Bellmoore OTG: 640
- Bellmoore 2018 Enrolment: 1,121
- Bellmoore utilization: 175%
- Bellmoore portables: 19 (10 room portapak & 9 portables)
- Bellmoore utilization with portables: 104%
- Bellmoore projected 2019 enrolment without grade 7 & 8: 990
- Bellmoore projected 2019 enrolment with grade 7 & 8: 1,198
- Summit Park OTG: 625
- Summit Park projected 2019 enrolment: 634

- To add more students at Bellmoore would require more portables.
(estimate of a minimum of 5 more portables required just for 2019/20)
- To redirect students moving in does not address current capacity concerns
- To add more portables we would have to address:
 - Washroom counts (currently maxed out female washroom count)
 - Parking space counts
 - Portable access to fire hydrants (fire code)
 - Setbacks from property line & berms on sides of property
 - Bus pickup and drop off
 - Childcare addition
 - Sightlines/supervision due to portables
 - Access to blacktop play area

- Reducing number of students at Bellmoore will create more access to specialty spaces (gym, library, dance studio, etc.)
- Younger students remain in school closer to their home
- Movement of grade 7&8 students creates more predictable enrolment growth for both
- Students transition to Summit Park site together as a grade and attend school with other students that will also attend Saltfleet SS – fewer transitions than moving a different set of students
- Summit Park school is in same neighbourhood as Saltfleet SS
- All students/families are impacted by grade change and not only new families – do not have neighbours attending different schools

- Students were already made to attend holding school at Mt. Albion
- Students may be unable to participate in co-curricular activities due to bussing
- Strong feeling that students should have the opportunity to graduate at the school that has been their base through to grade 6 and 7
- Concern regarding the financial and logistics impact as siblings who are relocated to Summit no longer are available to assist with younger siblings in getting to and from school as well as before and after school care
- Perception that Summit Park will also be at or over capacity come Sept 2019 placing the same students in a similar scenario

Q & A

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- Can be shared on chart paper
- Completed on line at info@hwdsb.on.ca
- Summary in January 2019 to the Bellmoore community

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