

# COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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**MONDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

6:00 pm

1. Call to Order R. Barlow
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest
4. Approval of Minutes
  - Special CTW Hearing – King George Area Delegation Night, Jan. 24 2012

## **ACTION ITEMS**

5. King George ARC – Final Recommendation K. Bain
6. North Area Accommodation Review
  - A. ARC Committee Recommendation M. Currie/N. Leach/B. Wachner/S. Barr
  - B. Staff Recommendation J. Malloy/K. Bain
7. South Area Accommodation Review
  - A. ARC Committee Recommendation K. Robinson/A. Pollard/G. Deveau/S. Pretula
  - B. Staff Recommendation J. Malloy/K. Bain
8. West Area Accommodation Review
  - A. ARC Committee Recommendation D. Knoll/H. MacDonald/B. Howell/S. Ricci/  
B. Williams
  - B. Staff Recommendation J. Malloy/K. Bain

## **MONITORING ITEMS**

9. Public Questions for Clarification
10. Adjournment

### **Upcoming Public Meetings**

<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Finance Advisory Sub-Committee	Wednesday Feb. 15, 2012	12:30 pm	Ed Centre, Room 1
Parent Involvement Committee	Tuesday Feb. 21, 2012	6:30 pm	Ed Centre, Lower Auditorium
Board Meeting	Monday Feb. 27, 2012	6:30 pm	Board Room

Meeting times and locations are subject to change. Please refer to our website for the latest information.  
[www.hwdsb.on.ca/aboutus/meetings/meetings.aspx](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/aboutus/meetings/meetings.aspx)

# King George Area Delegation Night

Tuesday January 24 2012

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## **PRESENT:**

**Trustees: Judith Bishop (Chair of the Board, Wards 1&2), Tim Simmons (Vice-Chair, Ward 3), Ray Mulholland (Ward 4), Laura Peddle (Ward 6), Robert Barlow (Wards 9&10), Alex Johnstone (Wards 11 & 12), Jessica Brennan (Ward 13) and Karen Turkstra (Wards 14 & 15).**

Administration: John Malloy, Ken Bain, Pat Rocco

**REGRETS:** Todd White (Ward 5), Wes Hicks (Ward 8), Lillian Orban (Ward 7). Student Trustees Jacqueline Janas (Westdale) and Judy Shen (Westmount)

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## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by R. Barlow at 6:00p stating the evening's focus was on the King George / Memorial (City) / Prince of Wales accommodation review

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by: A. Johnstone  
Seconded by: T. Simmons**

**That the agenda be approved.**

## **3. Presentations**

No presenters were registered

## **4. Speakers List**

Mr. Barlow indicated the rules had been placed in front of trustees for reference. He noted Mr. Whitelaw had requested 10 minutes, to be followed by 5 minutes for questions.

It was confirmed that no debate would take place tonight, that questions would be only for clarification of the presenter's comments.

Mr. Robert Whitelaw stated his support for the recommendations relative to the King George ARC. He focussed on the following issues.

- Site size – Prince of Wales is a 3 story structure on a small site, with limited playground and green space. Memorial (City) is larger site, not near recreational facilities. Smaller sites necessitate taller structures that may pose handicap access issues.
- Noise/Air Quality – This is a highly concentrated neighbourhood. Prince of Wales is situated at a busy intersection and students are subject to traffic and noise pollution due to that proximity. Has the board undertaken any studies as per the Code Red project with respect to Prince of Wales and Memorial (City) Schools? He suggest planting a line of trees to mitigate noise/pollution?
- Recreational opportunities – Students must cross busy streets to access such facilities.
- Ivor Wynne stadium – If it is re-orientated, there will be an impact on the Scott Park building and green space available to students. It may have the potential to trigger an expropriation of Prince of Wales property.

Q: Are there any plans to expand the Prince of Wales site if Ivor Wynne site sold? Has expropriation of nearby homes been considered?

Q: Is there any consideration to having Memorial (City) designated a heritage site?

Q: Has there been any communication/dialogue between the Board and the City re the Ivor Wynne stadium site, including impact on schools in the area, including Parkview school?

Mr. Barlow thanked Mr. Whitelaw.

Questions for clarification by trustees:

- Mr. Whitelaw clarified for Trustee Brennan that his comments regarding Code Red related to the two studies that were part of the Spectator newspaper – one being a data study undertaken by McMaster relative noise, traffic and environment. He advocated that due diligence should include such data at both sites and then being acted upon.
- Mr. Whitelaw confirmed for Trustee Peddle that he had only approached two city councillors about the Ivor Wynne and Scott Park properties. He indicated that a city staff member stated that the site will be used. Mr. Whitelaw had not approached anyone at the Board. Trustee Simmons indicated his willingness to speak with Mr. Whitelaw following the meeting
- Trustee Mulholland cautioned about the inappropriateness of discussing property issues, however, he noted that the standard for new public grade school construction is predicated on the size of the site.

**Moved by: T. Simmons**  
**Seconded by: J. Brennan.**

**That we receive the delegation.**

Trustee Brennan expressed some confusion about the wording in the motion and that on the agenda re Delegation Presentations (of which there were none) and the Speakers List.

When Trustee Peddle stated her interest in asking staff for information, Trustee Simmons withdrew the motion.

**Moved by: L. Peddle**  
**Seconded by: A. Johnstone**

**That staff provide a report outlining any and all communication related to any interest in the Prince of Wales site in light of the Pan Am stadium project. The report should accompany staff's recommendation for trustee decision making.**

Given the concerns raised about the nearby land and site, Trustee Peddle advocated a thoughtful review by staff (and possibly an in-camera report) to ensure as much information as possible upon which trustees could base their decision. She expressed concern about the possibility of an expropriation notice if the orientation of the stadium changes.

As a clarification, Associate Director Ken Bain recalled the 60 day waiting period for the King George ARC will end February 13<sup>th</sup> as the reports were presented in November.

Trustees made the following comments:

- Only support if the intent is to provide good information as part of the ARC and staff reports, not with the intent of making another decision further in the process.
- Prince of Wales has state of art gym facilities and is a new school.
- The issue of expropriation is “down the road”, unknown and not directly related to the ARC.

Trustee Peddle re-read her motion and Trustee Johnstone indicated her willingness to continue as seconder.

The vote was called by the Chair and the motion was LOST on the following division:

<b>FOR:</b>	Trustees Johnstone, Turkstra and Peddle.	(3)
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	Trustees Mulholland, Simmons, Bishop, Brennan, Barlow	(5)
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	Nil	(0)

**Moved by: T. Simmons**

**Seconded by: J. Brennan**

**That we receive the delegation.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **5. Correspondence**

No correspondence was received

#### **6. Adjournment**

**Moved by: J Brennan**

**Seconded by: A. Johnstone**

**That the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**



## EXECUTIVE REPORT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**DATE:** February 13, 2012

**TO:** Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** Ken Bain, Associate Director of Education

**RE:** King George ARC – Final Recommendation

Action  Monitoring

### Recommended Action:

1. That the Board approve the closure of King George Elementary School in June 2012.
2. That the Board approve the revised boundaries for Memorial (City) and Prince of Wales, as outlined on Map #2 and Map #3, effective September 2012.

### Rationale/Benefits:

The King George ARC and staff reports were received by Trustees at the November 14, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting and later ratified at the Board meeting on November 21, 2011. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's *Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines* and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's *Pupil Accommodation Review Policy*, after receiving the ARC and staff reports there must be no less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting when Trustees can vote on the final recommendations. The Committee of the Whole meeting on February 13, 2012 represents the earliest scheduled meeting date at which Trustees can approve the final recommendations regarding the King George Accommodation Review.

### Background:

At the January 24, 2011 Board meeting, Trustees of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board approved a recommendation to initiate an Accommodation Review Process which included King George, Memorial (City) and Prince of Wales elementary schools (Map #1). The mandate of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) was to produce an Accommodation Report to the Board of Trustees which addressed a number of different criteria including accommodation, facility condition, program, transportation, funding and implementation.

The King George ARC, which consisted of parents, teaching and non-teaching staff, principals, trustees and community representatives began its work on March 30, 2011. The King George ARC met over a 7 month period and held four working group meetings and four public "town hall" style meetings. On November 10, 2011 the ARC submitted its official report to the Director of Education in which the Committee supported and endorsed the original staff recommendation to close King George elementary school in June 2012 and relocate those students to Memorial (City) and Prince of Wales, effective September 2012. The final ARC report was posted to the Board's website on November 10, 2011 followed by the staff report which was released as part of the agenda package for the November 14, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

In accordance with Ministry of Education guidelines and Board policy, Trustees held a Special Hearing of the Committee of the Whole on January 24, 2012 to receive public input on the recommendations put forth by the King George ARC and Board staff. One delegation registered to provide feedback that evening.

### Attachments:

- Map #1: Current Boundaries
- Map #2: Proposed Boundaries (Full Map)
- Map #3: Proposed Boundaries (South of Barton Street)

**Map 1**

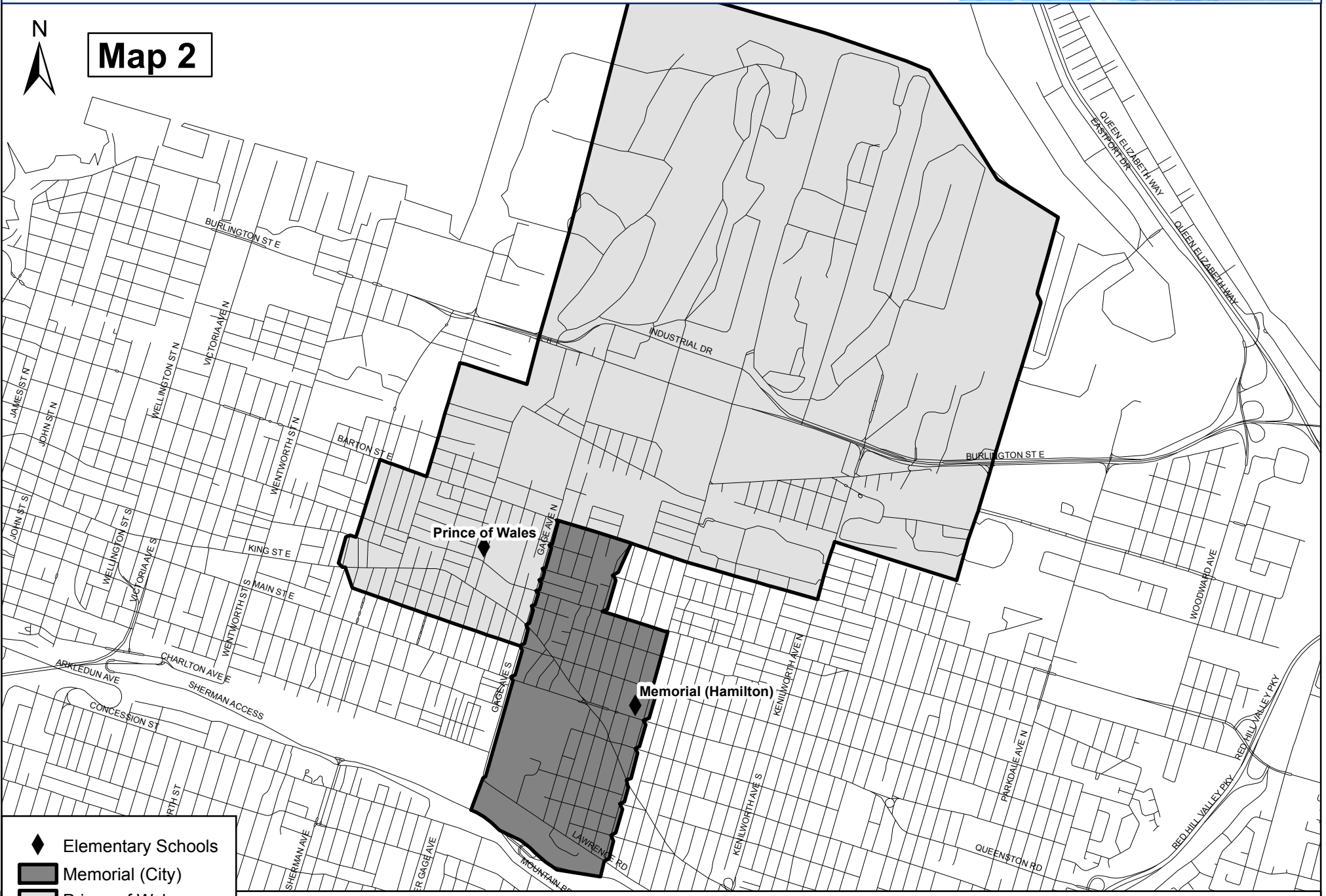


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- ◆ Prince of Wales
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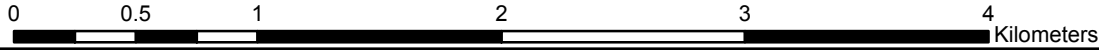
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**Map 2**



- ◆ Elementary Schools
- Memorial (City)
- Prince of Wales



**Map 3**

