

**West Flamborough Accommodation Review Committee  
Working Group Meeting # 7  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

**Beverly Central Elementary School  
1346 4<sup>th</sup> Concession Road, Troy, ON**

**Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

**Chair** - Mag Gardner

**Voting Members** - Sara Ardiel, Pamela Beach, John Belanger, Tania Brittain, Jessica Dymont, Colleen Evans, Kristin Glasbergen, Candice Goodale, Cairine Grantham, Anthony Hunter, Rachel Kott, Callie Matthews, Shelley McGuire, Stephanie Munro, Marguerite Richer, Melissa Slote, Sue VanEgdom

**Non-Voting Members** - Stewart Cameron, Doug Dunford, Kate Fischer, Eddie Grattan, Kim Short, Karen Turkstra

**Regrets**

**Voting Members** - Karen Baille, Brett Humphrey, Patti Lee, Heather Ryan, Janine Vandenheuval, David Wardell

**Non-Voting Members** - Nil

**Resource Staff**

Bob Fex

**Recording Secretary**

Kathy Forde

**Public** - Nil

**1. Call to Order**

Mag Gardner called the meeting to order. It was recognized that much time, effort and imagination has been invested by all throughout the process. The intent of the meeting was to focus on how the committee will refine its strategy for determining the recommended option(s), boundaries and timelines. It will be important for all members to develop a comfort level for moving forward and for settling on the option(s) that are recommended. Consensus building has been a key piece for narrowing down options.

## 2. Agenda

### 2.1 Additions/Deletions

Nil

### 2.2 Approval of Agenda

No changes.

## 3. Minutes from Working Group Meeting # 6

### 3.1 Clarification

Nil

### 3.2 Approval of Minutes

Approved by consensus by a show of hands.

## 4. Correspondence

Correspondence received. No comments.

## 5. Review of ARC Options

### 5.1 Discussion

Members requested input from Karen Turkstra on what trustees might consider to be the optimal number of options or details presented. Karen provided some insight noting that prioritization of options is helpful, that presentation of more than one option may be helpful especially if more information becomes available during the wider public consultation phase, and that the number of options presented in the past has varied.

In response to a request for an update on the status of the Beverly Community Centre, Karen Turkstra noted that potential for property at the Beverly Community Centre has been discussed with the City and possibilities are quite positive. The Lions group is quite supportive of building a new school on the Beverly Community Centre site, perhaps a two-story facility away from the floodplain. Since no trees in the area are dedicated, tree removal could be considered if other plantings are incorporated. Ideas around potential for a land swap, parking, septic and environmental considerations continue to be discussed. Hopefully an update will be available for the next Public Meeting. To date, there has been no specific mention of terminating the arena.

Following the holiday break, members were invited to tour Guy B. Brown Elementary School, a newer school facility as requested. Photos taken were shared to illustrate various features including bulletin boards used in place of blinds, acoustic ceiling tiles, extra space, a two-story gym, a dedicated instrumental music room, a sound proof music room, front foyer common space with mounted television screen, an elevator, classrooms, library, collaboration spaces, a big bright office, JK cubbies and washrooms, wall mounted toilets, a large science lab (flexible learning space), extensive glass (good for supervision), and effective layout providing good flow and space.

Bob Fex provided comprehensive costing based on the various options developed. Details were reviewed. Handout provided.

Discussions then focused on refining the number of options to be presented at the next Public Meeting. Members formed mixed breakout groups to share ideas:

- If public attendees are divided, multiple options give everyone an opportunity to put forth various details
- Multiple options give people a voice
- Multiple options provides the possibility of separating pieces that are favourable
- If the Beverly Community Centre is a possibility then perhaps focus should be on one option
- Members support the idea of a new school but recognize that a backup plan is needed if money or property are not available
- Two new schools might not be funded
- Greenville is listed for historical interest but not for designation
- The idea of using the Greenville site was discussed briefly but parked
- Tendering for the sale of school lands is offered in priority, first among school boards
- Much of the work is speculative but it will be important to collectively support the option(s) preferred with the reasons why (rationale)
- Delivery of one option versus two parts was discussed noting that either approach would need a summary statement that captures all five schools involved
- Members thought the best way to present option(s) would be in two parts to gather further public input:

**Option - Part A - Seaton/Beverly**

- On Beverly Community Centre site

**Option - Part B - Greenville/Millgrove/Spencer Valley**

- New school on Spencer Valley for all three schools
  - All 3 schools close
- New school on Spencer Valley for Greenville and Spencer Valley
  - Greenville closes
  - Millgrove status quo
- Neither Part A or B needs to be ranked as a priority but simply presented individually
- Part A will emphasize preference for Beverly Community Centre as the site for a new build
- Members agreed by consensus to use the Beverly School site as the backup plan
- Part B will emphasize Spencer Valley as the preferred site for a new build

Timelines were also discussed as follows:

- It is not practical to close schools in June 2015 and have a new school ready for September 2015
- Progress for moving forward will be based on Ministry approval and available funding
- Ministry approval would not likely be announced before the end of the calendar year
- Closing dates should correspond with opening dates
- Members do not want students placed in transitional space.
- Closures should be based upon new school completion - a date should be specified in the recommendation with notation that transitional space is not desired
- Principal preference for any move would align with a September start-up

## 5.2 Boundary Alignments

Boundaries were discussed as follows:

- No boundary changes are suggested as long as numbers are balanced, which are considered to be quite stable.
- It was noted that boundaries are based mainly on geographic details with roadways in mind.
- Parents busing young students may have a concern so a boundary change may need to be considered in this regard.
- The idea of bumping the transportation ride-time down from 60 to 45 minutes was raised. However, the current transportation policy is under separate review. An opportunity for public input through school principals will be verified. Mag Gardner will provide a status update through email.
- Changes to elementary boundaries may impact secondary boundaries. As such, wording within the recommendation should include, “suggest trustees explore Millgrove boundaries as it feeds into the secondary boundaries”.

## 5.3 Refine Options

See Item 5.1.

## 6. Draft Accommodation Review Committee Report - Review and Discussion

The draft ARC Report provides a framework for developing the report that will be presented to trustees. The Table of Contents was reviewed. Leads for writing the report were determined as follows:

- Bob Fex (Items 1, 2, 2.1, 2.4, 2.4.1, 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3.1.1, 5)
- Bob Fex with input from Committee (Items 2.2, 2.3)
- Committee (Items 3, 3.1, 3.2, 4)
- To be determined (Item 3.1.1)

The approach to writing was discussed. Committee members formed breakout groups to draft wording for Items assigned above. Stephanie Munro and Sara Ardiel would provide the wording as crafted in the breakout groups for the recommended option - Parts 1 & 2, respectively, for inclusion in the draft ARC report. Items written by Bob would be circulated to Kristin Glasbergen, Sue VanEgdom and Candice Goodale for vetting and any necessary editing. The report will remain draft at this point.

Volunteer co-chairs for Public Meeting # 4 include Callie Matthews, Candice Goodale and Jessica Dymont.

#### **7. Next Steps - Public Meeting # 4 Preparation (January 22 at Greensville)**

- **Next Public Meeting # 4 - January 22, 2013 at Greensville**
- **Next Working Group Meeting # 8 - January 29, 2014 at Spencer Valley**

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

#### **Handouts**

- Agenda
- Presentation
- Draft Minutes - Working Group Meeting # 6
- Correspondence
- Options Presented at Public Meeting # 3
- Current Boundary Map
- Financial Summary