

July 17, 2018

RE: New Elementary School on CH Bray Site Community Information Session –**MINUTES**

Attendance

Devon Krymuza, Capital Project Supervisor
Nadeen Shehaiber, Manager of Capital Projects
Alex Johnstone, Trustee Wards 11&12 (Vice-Chair)
16 members of the community

Welcome

Introductions and opening greetings were conducted.

On March 13, 2018, the Ministry of Education announced \$12.2 million in funding to build a 495 pupil place elementary school with a 3 room child care centre at the current CH Bray elementary school site to support the consolidation of Fessenden and Queen's Rangers.

PowerPoint Presentation

The PowerPoint presentation from this meeting is available on the HWDSB website: [Presentation](#)

Questions and Comments:

Q1: Are there any provisions for soccer fields for students?

A1: There is a flat grass area behind the school that would be utilized as field. Goal posts would not be installed as this is not part of the HWDSB standard.

Q2: Where will the teachers park?

A2: There is a parking lot in the front of the school that accommodates 42 parking spaces for staff, visitors and child care.

Q3: How many teachers will there be?

A3: This would need to be confirmed, however based on the classroom count at minimum 22 plus administrative staff.

Q4: Was the plan to keep school open and build the new school in back?

A4: This is not the intention for this school. School will be demolished and students will go into holding schools until such time the new school is ready. The transition details are yet to be formalized.

Q5: What are the timelines for the school?

A5: Timelines are dependent on municipal approvals. The intent is to submit the Site Plan Application by end of July.

Q6: How long will it take to build the new school from the time that it is torn down to opening?

A6: Typically we allow for 12 to 14 months.

Q7: Will the trucks for construction will be coming Dunham Drive?

A7: Correct, that is the only way to access the site.

Q8: Will play areas be fenced in?

A8: Yes.

Q9: The elevations show use of different materials on the buildings. What will they be?

A9: These are very preliminary elevations for the school more so with the intention to demonstrate its massing. The materials will be finalized as design develops and as we receive comments from the City of Hamilton.

Q10: Concern being raised relating to the volume of traffic along Dunham Drive. Current issues exist with blocked driveways, illegal parking, etc. and concerns with children crossing and biking in between all the parked cars.

A10: HWDSB cannot make modifications to Dunham Drive as it is City property. The parking and bus drop off area has been designed to try to mitigate the congestion and drop off issues. HWDSB will work with the City of Hamilton to review possible mitigation strategies and further assess the concerns through the Site Plan process.

Q11: Can you please clean up the brush by the roundabout?

A11: Will be addressed through maintenance as required.

Q12: Why did the school board want to acquire the property from the City of Hamilton?

A12: It formed part of an agreement with the City of Hamilton relating other properties and is a good opportunity for space for students.

Q13: Any consideration to sell this property and consider moving to another property to build such as Fessenden?

A13: Other properties were reviewed such as Ancaster High however school community was adamant about staying at CH Bray. Information relating the accommodation review and process can be found:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/reviews/>

Q14: Is the name going to remain the same?

A14: Not necessarily – the school name would be confirmed via the “Naming of Schools Procedure” in accordance with Policy No. 2.3. Naming of School. Information relating the policy and procedure can be found:

<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Naming-of-Schools.pdf>

Q15: Will the parking lot be fenced? Concern about individuals using path and parking lot.

A15: Currently the parking lot is not intended to be fenced however will be reviewed further.

Q16: Will the path be paved?

A16: The path currently running west towards Taylor Road is being paved summer of 2018 as a joint partnership between HWDSB and the City of Hamilton. The path leading towards Rembrandt Court will be reviewed as part of the Site Plan Application process.

Q17: Can a metal partition be installed at the Rembrandt Court Path area?

A17: To be reviewed.

Q18: A community member expressed their disappointment in the parking situation. Rembrandt Court turns into a parking lot with all the parents dropping off and picking up,

children are flying across on their bicycles and it creates an inaccessible community for the residents.

A18: HWDSB cannot make modifications to Rembrandt Court as it is City property. The parking and bus drop off area has been designed to try to mitigate the congestion and drop off issues. HWDSB will work with the City of Hamilton to review possible mitigation strategies and further assess the concerns through the Site Plan process.

Q19: New school will be larger and traffic will get worst. Huge mistake to rebuild on this site. Property not big enough and streets are not designed for the increased congestion.

A19: The school site location is final. HWDSB will continue to work with the city to mitigate transportation issues and manage flow where possible.

Q20: Can the City or HWDSB approach the 2 private parking lots (Food Basics and Fortinoes) to see if they can be used to allow parents to drop students off there?

A20: To be further reviewed.

Q21: As a resident of the home backing onto the ravine, students are breaking into the fence by cutting through it. What will HWDSB do?

A21: This is not a behaviour that is tolerated by HWDSB; it is recommended that the authorities are contacted for any vandalism to properties. Relating the new school, HWDSB will review site design to ensure open and safe space.

Q22: Can the school be moved back from the property to allow more room for the buses and parking?

A22: The school is designed to comply with the City of Hamilton setbacks which promote street frontage as part of their Urban Planning. This also allows for sufficient play space in the back.

Q23: Can the parking lot be design to accommodate for future growth such as portables?

A23: The parking and washroom counts for the school incorporate for six (6) future portables.

Q24: It does not look like there is enough room for sports field?

A24: Each site is unique in size. The site does not accommodate a full sports field however there is sufficient flat area for sports, etc.

Q25: Does the 495 pupil place include for childcare?

A25: No it does not.

Q26: Will childcare need a drop off?

A26: Parking spaces area available for child care in the parking lot which will be designated for 15 minute drop off to accommodate.

Q27: A stop sign on both sides of Rembrandt at the path with crossing guard should be incorporated. Also consideration for a traffic light at Dunham and school zone flashers.

A27: Municipal improvements proposed would be through the City of Hamilton. This information will be passed along for their consideration.