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## Accommodation Strategy Public Meeting

Thursday November 30, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Mary Hopkins Elementary School

### In Attendance:

Matthew Gerard	Associate Director of Business Services
Nicole Lee	Superintendent of Student Achievement
Graeme Noble	Trustee Ward 15
Nancy Kucic	Principal Flamborough Centre
Leah Young	Flamborough Centre School Council Chair
Angela Devall	Flamborough Centre School Council Member
Susete Bloom	Principal Mary Hopkins
Paula Thomas	Acting Vice-Principal Mary Hopkins
Carley Casey	Mary Hopkins School Council Chair
Mohamed Khamis	Mary Hopkins School Council Vice Chair
David Anderson	Senior Manager
Robert Fex	Senior Planner
Ellen Warling	Manager, Planning Accommodation and Rentals
Sally Landon	Manager, Research and Analytics Department
Kathleen Hussey	Executive Assistant to Superintendent of Student Achievement
Robert Avery	Manager, Facility Operations
Amie Myszkowski	Manager, Capital Projects

### Welcome and Introductions:

Superintendent Lee welcomed all attendees and reviewed the Membership of the Advisory Committee present at the meeting. Sally Landon, Manager of Research and Analytics was also introduced, and Superintendent Lee identified that there were several additional staff present, wearing name tags, to facilitate the small group discussions. The agenda was reviewed, and the meeting format shared.

### Purpose and Timeline:

Superintendent Lee highlighted the purpose of the Public Meeting to receive feedback from the community to address the short-term accommodation pressures of East Waterdown with a focus on a better balance of enrolments between Flamborough Centre and Mary Hopkins noting that limited ability for Mary Hopkins to accommodate additional portables. The projected timelines for the current process were shared. Superintendent Lee advised that the feedback gathered through the Public Meeting small groups, as well as feedback received

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through the Advisory Committee meetings and community submissions through Engage and [Planning@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:Planning@hwdsb.on.ca) would all be used to inform the Board Report.

## **Background and Timelines:**

Robert Fex shared the history and timelines of HWDSB's steps to addressing the impact of the residential development south of Highway 5 for the one school community including Flamborough Centre and Mary Hopkins. He outlined the process for the Public Meeting breakout groups and identified the specific staff available to answer questions, sharing that maps were placed throughout the gymnasium to support understanding of the area being discussed.

Robert Fex advised that the accommodation strategy is intended as a 3-year solution noting that HWDSB anticipates capital priority approval in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024 with anticipated completion of construction and occupancy of a new school by September 2027.

## **Proposed Strategy:**

The proposed strategy was shared; *Commencing September 2024 all new registrations in the English Program JK-5 Mary Hopkins Boundary that live south of Highway 5 are directed to Flamborough Centre.*

It was noted that new JK registrations in the identified area with siblings in Mary Hopkins may request an exemption to attend Mary Hopkins and that any requests to move JK-5 students to Flamborough will follow the out of catchment process.

## **Long-term Accommodation Strategy and Enrolments. Projections, Capacities and Utilizations:**

The Long-Term Accommodation Strategy of a new school south of Highway 5 to accommodate 500 pupils and a 5-room childcare wing was shared, again emphasizing the anticipated Ministry decision in early 2024.

Enrolment projections both current and proposed were reviewed and enrolment variances discussed with anticipated enrolment projection for Flamborough Centre from the development shared.

## **Projected Timelines- Revised Review Schedule:**

In response to feedback received requesting that Allan A Greenleaf and Guy B. Brown be included in the review, draft projected timelines were shared reflecting a potential revised review schedule and the implications of a revised review schedule were highlighted.

## **Additional Facility Information:**

Questions raised through the Advisory Panel meeting, Engage website and [planning@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:planning@hwdsb.on.ca) were addressed and included septic, well water and parking at Flamborough Centre; portables at Mary Hopkins; and the overall transportation impacts.

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**Feedback:**

Sally Landon provided direction to attendees regarding process of small table break out tables with facilitators for sharing their feedback and identified the staff who were in attendance who could be approached with specific questions.

Small Table break out occurred from 6:41 p.m. to 7:22 p.m.

**Conclusion:**

Superintendent Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. thanking the community for their participation and feedback. Advised that feedback could continue to be shared through Engage and confirmed that the next Advisory Panel meeting will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.