



# SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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**WEDNESDAY MAY 9, 2012**

6:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

R. Barlow

## **ACTION ITEMS**

4. North Area Accommodation Review

K. Bain

5. Adjournment



## EXECUTIVE REPORT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**DATE:** May 9, 2012  
**TO:** Committee of the Whole  
**FROM:** Ken Bain, Associate Director of Education  
**RE:** North Secondary Accommodation Review

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### Recommended Action:

**I. That the Board approve one of the following sets of recommendations as set out below:**

**a) North ARC Recommendation:**

- a. The closure of Delta Secondary School, Parkview Secondary School and Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in June 2015 and the construction of a new secondary school to be located on a site between Delta Secondary School and Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School with a target opening date of September 2015.
- b. The proposed boundaries for the new school, as outlined in Map #2, would include all of the existing Sir John A. Macdonald catchment area and the majority of the Delta boundary along with the Parkview program. Under this boundary proposal, Queen Mary (currently an associate school for Delta) would become an associate school for Sir Winston Churchill.

**OR**

**b) Board Staff Recommendation:**

- a) Closure of Delta Secondary School in June 2015 and the relocation of those students to Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School as defined and outlined in Map #2.
- b) The closure of Parkview Secondary School in June 2015 and the relocation of those students to Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School.
- c) The closure of Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in July 2015 pending the availability of funding and approval from the Ministry of Education for the construction of a new school with a target opening date of September 2015.

**AND**

- c) That all schools remain open until such time as the new facility is ready to open in September 2015 and the students will move en masse to the new school.
- d) The creation of a post-ARC committee comprised of school council members, students, parents, staff and community members to inform direction around the transition, program, facilities and supports for the preservation of the Parkview Program.
- e) That the Facilities Management Department will consult with the principal and specialists to ensure that the remaining facilities meet the program strategy and address the renewal needs as outlined by this ARC Committee.

**Rationale/Benefits:**

Trustees received the North ARC and HWDSB staff reports at the February 13, 2012 Committee of the Whole meeting and later ratified them at the Board meeting on February 27, 2012. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's *Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline* 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 May 9, 2012 represents the earliest scheduled meeting date at which Trustees can provide their initial approval of the final recommendations regarding the North Secondary Accommodation Review, subject to approval at Full Board on May 28, 2012.

**Background:**

At the March 22, 2010 Board meeting, Trustees of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board approved a recommendation to initiate an Accommodation Review Process for the north cluster of secondary schools which included Delta, Glendale, Orchard Park, Parkview, Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Winston Churchill (Map #1). The mandate of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) was to produce an Accommodation Report to the Board of Trustees which addressed the accommodation issues within the review area through the recognition of a number of different criteria including accommodation, facility condition, program, transportation, funding and implementation of the ARC recommendation.

The North ARC, which consisted of parents, teaching and non-teaching staff, principals, trustees and community representatives began its work on January 11, 2011. The North ARC met over a twelve-month period and held ten working group meetings and four public "town hall" style meetings. On January 12, 2012 the North ARC submitted its official report to the Director of Education in which the Committee proposed the following recommendations:

1. The closure of Delta Secondary School, Parkview Secondary School and Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in June 2015 and the construction of a new secondary school to be located on a site between Delta Secondary School and Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School with a target opening date of September 2015.

Please Note: It is the expectation of the North ARC that the new school will include a 700-seat theatre and that space for community partnerships be included where interest and support is evident.

2. The proposed boundaries for the new school, as outlined in Map #2, would include all of the existing Sir John A. Macdonald catchment area and the majority of the Delta boundary along with the Parkview program. Under this boundary proposal, Queen Mary (currently an associate school for Delta) would become an associate school for Sir Winston Churchill.
3. That all schools remain open until such time as the new facility is ready to open in September 2015 and the students will move en masse to the new school.
4. The creation of a post-ARC committee comprised of school council members, students, parents, staff and community members to inform direction around the transition, program, facilities and supports for the preservation of the Parkview Program.
5. That the Facilities Management Department will consult with the principal and specialists to ensure that the remaining facilities meet the program strategy and address the renewal needs as outlined by this ARC Committee.

The final accommodation option put forth by the North ARC addresses the mandate of the Committee by increasing the overall projected utilization for the area from 62% to 91% by 2020 while at the same time eliminating approximately 2,300 surplus pupil places and an estimated \$53 million in deferred capital maintenance. The capital costs associated with the North ARC recommendation including the construction of a new 1,250 pupil place secondary school, land acquisition and program upgrades to the remaining facilities is estimated to be \$42 million of which \$9 million could be generated through the proceeds of disposition from the sale of the schools proposed for closure. The balance of funding would be requested from the Ministry of Education through the submission of a business case.

After being engaged in this secondary accommodation review process over the past year, HWDSB staff believe that the recommendations, as developed by the North ARC, will best address the short- and long-term accommodation requirements of the lower city while at the same time satisfying all of the criteria as outlined in the *Terms of Reference*. As part of their final analysis, Board staff has slightly modified the North ARC option by recommending the following implementation timelines.

1. Closure of Delta Secondary School in June 2015 and the relocation of those students to Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School as defined and outlined in Map #2.
2. The closure of Parkview Secondary School in June 2015 and the relocation of those students to Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School.
3. The closure of Sir John A. Macdonald Secondary School in July 2015 pending the availability of funding and approval from the Ministry of Education for the construction of a new school with a target opening date of September 2015.

The final North ARC report was posted to the Board's website on January 12, 2012 followed by the staff report which was released as part of the agenda package for the February 13, 2012 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 March 27, 2012 to receive public input on the recommendations put forth by the North ARC and Board staff. Four delegations registered to provide input/feedback that evening and two items of correspondence were submitted to Trustees. All of the presentations and correspondence from the public meeting have been posted on the Board website.

**Attachments:**

Map #1: Current Boundaries

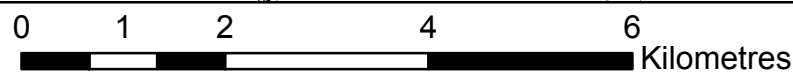
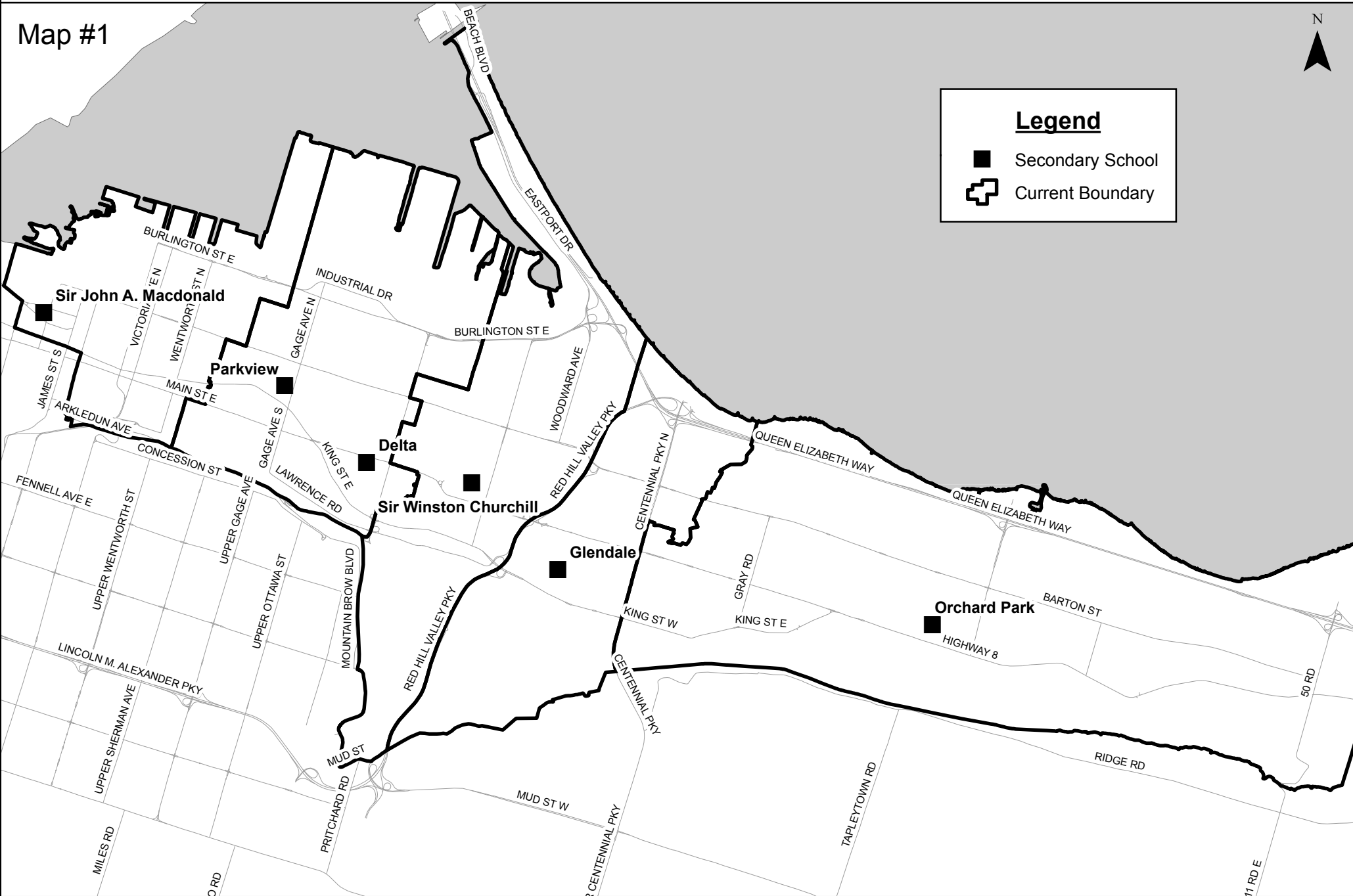
Map #2: North ARC/ HWDSB Staff Recommendation

Map #1



**Legend**




- Secondary School
- ⊕ Current Boundary



Map #2



**Legend**

-  Proposed Boundary
-  School to Close
-  School Remaining Open

