

# EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT 7-12 SCHOOL PROJECT STATUS REPORT

May 2022

### New grades 7-12 school project in East Chezzetcook to replace the existing Gaetz Brook JH & Eastern Shore District High Schools

- Modern learning environment, taking advantage of natural site features
- Public area with integrated hands-on, "maker", trades and technology spaces
- 2 classroom wings w/ open, collaborative spaces

### Project Sponsor

NS Dept. of Education & Early Childhood Education

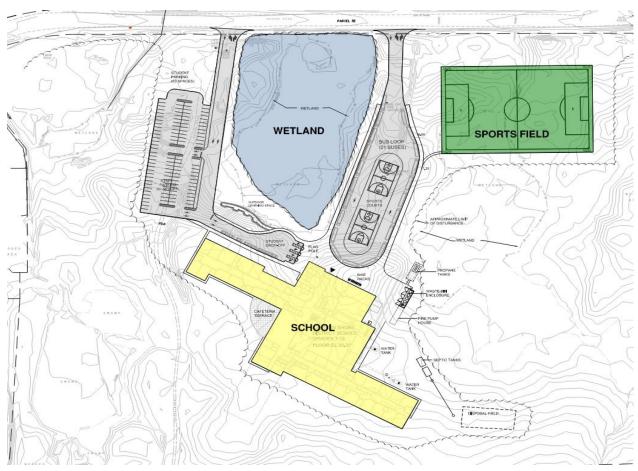
### **Major Stakeholder**

Halifax Regional Centre for Education

### **Project Management**

NS Dept. of Public Works

Construction General Contractor	Design Consultant Team
Marco Group	Harvey Architecture



## **Site Plan**

Under way	Upcoming
Tender for early site clearing issued & closing May 19 Detailed design progressing on remainder of project	Next SST meeting - TBD
Project status	
On schedule for targeted occupancy within school year 2023-24	

### Community Update – Eastern Shore Consolidated School – May 2022

Work is progressing on the new Eastern Shore Consolidated School. The School Steering Team has been holding regular meetings, and we are getting ready for activity to begin on the site of the new school.

The minutes of the School Steering Team can be found here - <u>New Eastern Shore Grade 7-12 School | Halifax Regional Centre for Education (hrce.ca)</u> . In addition, there are key milestones and information for the community to be aware of.

### **Key points of information:**

- New school in East Chezzetcook for grades 7-12 to replace the existing Gaetz Brook JH & Eastern Shore District High Schools
- Collaborative Design Build team, working with DPW, EECD & HRCE is the Marco Group, with Harvey Architecture leading the design team
- Tender for early site clearing has been issued and will close May 19, 2022. Clearing will begin once a firm has been chosen.
- Detailed design is progressing for remainder of the project. Highlights include:
  - Modern learning environment, taking advantage of natural site features including opportunities for enhanced science and environmental learning related to the access to wetlands on the site.
  - Public area with integrated hands-on, "maker", trades and technology spaces
  - 2 classroom wings w/ open, collaborative spaces
- Four school steering team (SST) meetings have been held; minutes are posted online
- Project is on schedule to be ready for the 2023-24 school year
- More project information is available online at: <a href="https://www.hrce.ca/new-eastern-shore-school">https://www.hrce.ca/new-eastern-shore-school</a>

### **Project Map & Wetlands:**

A map of the new site is attached. Although building on a site with wetlands can present challenges, our project team has designed the site to locate the building on the site in a way that won't negatively impact the wetlands and incorporates the physical environment in a way that enhances the students' learning and takes advantage of the natural beauty of the site.

### **Project Management Overview: SST & Additional Enhancements:**

New school construction and major projects are managed by the provincial Department of Public Works (DPW). A School Steering Team (SST) serves as a sounding board to DPW contractors and architects. The SST provides input and advice on the design and build of a new school.

Schools in Nova Scotia are designed and built to meet the programming needs of students.

Occasionally, a community will identify a desire for additional space to be built in a school. These enhancements can be supported in the design process if funding is made available outside the education budget, such as the local municipal government or a private party.