

HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD Capital Construction Priorities 2016 - 2017

PURPOSE: To provide the Governing Board with a report regarding the Halifax Regional School Board 2016-17 Capital Construction Priorities for submission to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD).

BACKGROUND: At its November 2015 meeting, the Governing Board approved the following motion:

It was moved and seconded (Yee/Blumenthal-Harrison) that the Superintendent provide a report at the December Regular Board Meeting regarding the Halifax Regional School Board 2016-2017 Capital Construction Priorities for submission to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Since 2012, HRSB capital construction priorities have been submitted annually in April to the EECD. The formal submission is comprised of business case documents supporting new school construction and school renovation projects for consideration of future EECD funding, with cash flows typically projected to start two years out or longer. HRSB was instructed by EECD to submit a maximum of 10 projects in 2012-13 and 2013-14, and 7 projects in 2014-15.

EECD did not request a 2015 capital construction priority list for possible 2016-17 funding. Therefore, no list was prepared in April 2015.

CONTENT: HRSB staff applies planning criteria in developing the capital construction priority list. Although strategies to obtain the data have changed over time, generally they include in-house and external expertise assessment of current enrollment projections, facility condition reports, program requirements, municipal development planning and community engagement.

In October 2014, the province approved a provincial School Review Policy for use by all school boards, which includes a new process for long range planning called the **Long-Range Outlook**. Under the policy “*School Boards are required to present information annually to the public about the current and developing situation of their schools and the delivery of education programs and services, in the form of a long-range outlook*”.

Using the template from the provincial policy, staff compiled the information through 2014-15 to create HRSB’s first Long-Range Outlook. At its April 22, 2015 meeting the Governing Board approved the Long-Range Outlook 2015.

At the October 28, 2015 meeting the Governing Board received *Report 2015-09-35 Long-Range Outlook Action Plan*. This report provided a prioritized list of actions for Families of Schools to address the Board's facility needs over the next five years.

The action plan priorities were determined considering the Long-Range Outlook and other factors (described within the noted report). Each proposed action is initiated through a staff *Recommendation to Review*, and approval by the Governing Board. Each review will be completed by a School Options Committee. The School Options Committees must develop recommendations on such matters as school closure, consolidation, boundary change, grade reconfiguration and requests for capital construction funding for new or renovated schools. These recommendations come to the Governing Board for approval.

For clarity, the Recommendation for Review starts the processes that will contribute significantly to informing decisions regarding future capital construction funding requests. Until such time as this work begins, the most current capital construction priority list is the one submitted in April 2014.

Updating this list without using the provincial School Review process requires staff to apply the assumption that all schools remain open and recommendations for capital repair or replacement consider all schools regardless of other key planning factors.

A list of Capital Construction Priorities, which may result in New Construction or Addition and Alteration projects, is provided in Appendix B.

COST: N/A

FUNDING: N/A

TIMELINE:

APPENDICES: Appendix A - Capital Submissions by year for last four years
Appendix B - Capital Construction Project List 2015-2016

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Governing Board accept this report for information.

COMMUNICATIONS:

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Appendix A

Capital Submissions by year for last four years

April 4, 2012

Capital Request List

List of 10 projects was requested by the province.

	Project	Capital Approval	Notes
1	New Eastern District P-12 School (Sheet Harbour)		
2	New South Dartmouth Elementary School	Approved December 2012	Originally approved Sept 29/09, but revoked
3	Bicentennial School Addition and Alteration		
4	New North Central Peninsula Elementary School		Originally approved Sept 29/09, but revoked
5	Energy Savings Project	Approved December 2012	
6	New South Peninsula Elementary School (LeMarchant)		Originally approved Sept 29/09, but revoked
7	New Ravines High School		
8	Eastern Shore District High School Addition and Alterations		
9	J. L. Ilsley High School Addition and Alterations		
10	Sunnyside reconfiguration		

April 24, 2013

Capital Request List

List of 10 projects was requested by the province.

	Project	Capital Approval	Notes
1	New Eastern District P-12 School (Sheet Harbour)	Approved December 2013	
2	Charles P. Allen (former high school building, now Rocky Lake Junior High) Addition and Alteration		EECD approved TCA Repair funding July 2013
3	Shannon Park Elementary School - Acquisition from Department of National Defense, plus Addition and Alteration		
4	Bicentennial School Addition and Alteration		
5	New South Peninsula Elementary School	Approved December 2013	
6	Eastern Shore District High School Addition and Alteration		
7	J.L. Ilsley High School Addition and Alteration		
8	Sunnyside Elementary School Addition and Alteration		
9	Inglis Street Elementary Addition and Alteration		Originally approved Sept 29/09, but revoked
10	Fairview Heights Elementary Addition and Alteration		

April 23, 2014

Capital Request List

List of 7 projects was requested by the province.

	Project	Capital Approval	Notes
1*	Central Spryfield Elementary (Addition and Alteration)		Not approved for capital; TCA Repair funds were allocated for structural upgrade 2014-15 and 2015-16
2	J.L. Ilsley High School (Addition and Alteration)		Not approved for capital; TCA Repair funds were allocated for structural upgrade 2014-15 and 2015-16
3	Shannon Park Elementary (Purchase/Addition and Alteration)		EECD approval to purchase received April 2015.
4	New High School-Kearney Lake/Hammonds Plains area (New School Construction)		
5	Bicentennial School (Addition and Alteration)		Not approved for capital; TCA Repair funds were allocated for structural upgrade 2015/16
6	Eastern Shore District High School (Addition and Alteration)		Not approved for capital; TCA Repair funds were allocated for structural upgrade 2015/16
7	Inglis Street Elementary School (Addition and Alteration)		Originally approved Sept 29/09, but revoked
8*	Sunnyside Elementary School (Addition and Alteration)		

** An 8th submission was included on the list - if Central Spryfield Elementary received funding through the capital repair budget it was to be removed from the list and replaced by Sunnyside Elementary School.*

April 2015

Capital Request List

There was no capital project list requested by the province in 2015.

Appendix B

Capital Construction Project Description and Priority

Priority	Family of Schools	Priority Project	Comments
1	Citadel High	St. Joseph's Alexander McKay Elementary	Aging infrastructure.
2	Charles P Allen High	New Elementary/Junior High/High School	Continuing residential development and projected enrollment growth. Over capacity at Hammonds Plains, Madelyn Symonds, Kingswood schools
3	Dartmouth High	Bicentennial School	Aging infrastructure and update classroom and specialty program spaces.
4	Halifax West High	Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary	Create additional program space, address aging infrastructure and update classroom and specialty program spaces. This school is over capacity.
5	JL Ilsley High	JL Ilsley High	Aging infrastructure and update classroom and specialty program spaces.
6	Sir John A Macdonald High	Tantallon Sr. Elementary	Over capacity at Tantallon Sr. Elementary.
7	Eastern Shore District High	Eastern Shore District High	Aging infrastructure and update classroom and specialty program spaces.
8	Citadel High	Inglis Street Elementary	Aging infrastructure and update classroom and specialty program spaces.
9	Charles P Allen High	Sunnyside Elementary	Aging infrastructure and update classroom and specialty program spaces.
10	Lockview High	Oldfield Consolidated Elementary	Aging infrastructure and update classroom and specialty program spaces.

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