

Halifax Regional School Board New School Construction Update

Purpose

To provide information to the Governing Board regarding the new school construction projects currently in progress within the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB).

Background

Since 2012, four new school capital construction projects have been announced by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) for HRSB. These include:

<u>School Project Name (grades)</u>	<u>Date announced</u>	<u>Anticipated Completion</u>
Dartmouth South Academy (P-9)	November 2012	July 2017
Eastern Passage (9-12)	July 2013	2018
Eastern District (P-12)	December 2013	2019
Halifax South (P-6)	December 2013	2018

The four projects have been initiated and are in various stages of design and construction. The sponsor group for all the projects includes representation from HRSB, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (DTIR), EECD and the design consultant.

Upon announcement of the projects by the Minister EECD, the HRSB completed the site selection process for each project through a Site Selection Committee (SSC). Each SSC was led by a facilitator and made up of representatives from the HRSB, school staff, Halifax Regional Municipality and other stakeholders. The SSC recommendations required approval by the Governing Board and were submitted to the Minister EECD for final approval.

Upon announcement of the approved school site(s) by the Minister EECD, the HRSB established a School Steering Team (SST) for each project. The SST is an advisory body led by a Facilitator and typically includes representatives from HRSB central office and school staff, School Advisory Council (SAC) of schools being replaced, Halifax Regional Municipality, community and other stakeholders. The SST provides input to the sponsor group for design considerations.

Prior to initiating the design phase, the HRSB communicated with HRM to determine whether a community enhancement was to be applied to the design. A community enhancement may include a range of options such as additional program space, a larger gym, playground or sports field, or could be in the form of a community center attached to the school. HRM performed a needs assessment for each project and submitted a recommendation to HRM Council. If approved by HRM Council, the community enhancement was incorporated into the design of the school.

Once the design is finalized, the project tender and construction processes are managed by the DTIR project management team and design consultant(s), including ongoing communication with EECD and HRSB.

Content

As stated above, the four schools are in various stages of design and construction.

Dartmouth South Academy is currently under construction and on schedule for completion and occupancy by September 2017. The new school will be a consolidation of the student populations from the former Prince Arthur Junior High and Southdale-North Woodside Elementary schools in the Dartmouth High Family of Schools.

The new high school in *Eastern Passage* is also under construction which started in the Fall 2016. The new school will include grades 9-12 students and upon completion will form a new Family of Schools with three elementary schools and a junior high school as feeder schools.

The *Eastern District P-12* is in the initial design development phase. The new school will be located in Sheet Harbour and combines student populations from Duncan MacMillan High, Eastern Consolidated, Sheet Harbour Consolidated and Lakeview Consolidated Elementary schools. The SST has been meeting since October 2016 and the DTIR Request for Proposals for design consultant services was advertised early in January, 2017.

The *Halifax South P-6* school project is a replacement for the LeMarchant-St. Thomas Elementary School (and annex), located in Halifax within the Citadel High Family of Schools. The project scope includes demolition of the existing school, which is in progress. The students are attending the former Ecole Beaufort located across the street from the new school site. The SST has been meeting since January 2016 and the final design is anticipated to be complete by end of January 2017.

The attached Appendix A provides a description of the school layout and factors affecting innovative design.

Funding Details

The funding will be allocated within the approved EECD Capital Construction budget.

Timeline

The anticipated completion dates are as noted.

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Dartmouth South P-9	July 2017
Eastern Passage 9-12	2018
Eastern District P-12	2019
Halifax South P-6	2018

Appendices

Appendix A-New School Design

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Governing Board receive this report for information.

Communications

AUDIENCE	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
Committee of the Whole	Director Operations	January 11, 2017

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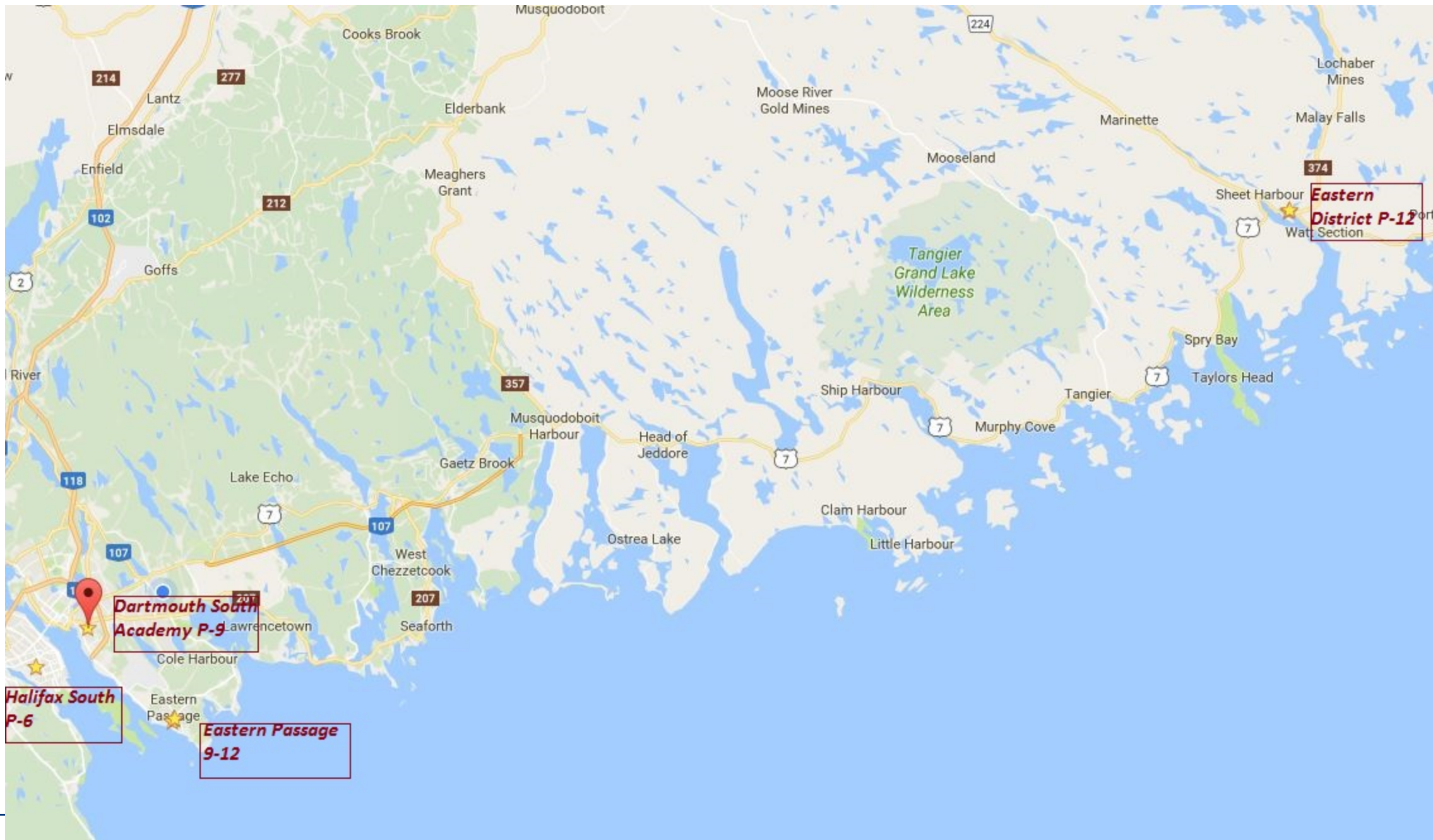
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4 new school construction projects announced since 2012

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Background

- EECD/DTIR/HRSB make up sponsor group for project
- Site Selection Committee
- School Steering Team
- Community enhancement
- Design Planning and Construction

Construction status

- Dartmouth South Academy P-9 construction in progress; July 2017
- Eastern Passage 9-12 – construction in progress; 2018
- Eastern District P-12 – SST started; 2019
- Halifax South P-6 – Design by end of January 2017; 2018

Design Discussion

- Design team professionals (DTIR, EECD, Consultant) – education facility design expertise
- Consultations with school board staff Program, School Admin, Operations
- Choices for students and teachers-flexibility
- Global Trends

Dartmouth South Design

- 3 storey 600 students P-9; 76,000 ft²
- Student centered, diverse learning styles, peer learning
- Distinct elementary/jr high areas
- Learning common- learning center clusters around common and teachers work room
- Multi purpose rooms - easy reconfigurations
- Atrium – connects common spaces
- Gender neutral washroom design
- LEED silver
- Resource and building envelope design efficiency
- Playground enhancement

Eastern Passage Design

- New 9-12 school 600 students
- Oriented for views and maximize daylighting
- Learning street-learning in circulation areas outside multi purpose classrooms
- Cafeteria multi use adjacent to drama and ocean view patio
- Gender neutral washroom design
- LEED Silver
- Resource and building envelope design efficiency
- Gymnasium community enhancement

Eastern District Design

- P-12 67,000 ft² – designed for 270 students
- To be located on site of elementary and high school.
- School Steering Team first meeting scheduled for Oct 25
- Design process initiated
- HRM Council community enhancement decision pending
- Unique opportunities for peer learning/teaching

Halifax South Design

- 3 storey 57 000 ft² school – designed for 414 students
- Variety of learning environments
- Open collaborative learning spaces adjacent to groups of classrooms upper floors
- DaVinci studio- heart of school incorporates science and arts
- Studio includes raised space for performances
- Gender neutral washroom design
- LEED Gold
- Resource and building envelope design efficiency
- HRM community enhancement to gymnasium