

## **Halifax Regional School Board Naming of the New High School in Eastern Passage**

### **Purpose**

To ask the Governing Board to name the new high school under construction in Eastern Passage.

### **Background**

This report is presented to the Governing Board as supporting information for naming the new high school currently under construction in Eastern Passage.

In April 2012, the construction of a new high school was announced for Eastern Passage.

Possible sites for the new school were submitted to the Minister as per Board policy. In April 2015, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development announced that the new high school would be built on former municipal property in Eastern Passage. In the fall of 2016, construction began on the new school.

The new school is scheduled to be completed and turned over to HRSB in time for opening in September 2018.

### **Content**

School Principal, Patrick Savage established a naming committee including a student and parents/guardians from each of the feeder schools' School Advisory Councils. The committee followed policy *A.001 Naming or Renaming Schools* and has submitted its report and recommendations.

This report is attached as Appendix A.

### **Funding Details**

N/A

### **Timeline**

The name of the new school will be effective immediately.

### **Appendices**

Appendix A: Report from the School Naming Committee for the new High School in Eastern Passage

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the Governing Board name the new high school in Eastern Passage, Island View High School.

### **Communications**

<b>AUDIENCE</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
<b>Regular Board Meeting</b>	<b>Susan Tomie</b>	<b>June 21, 2017</b>
<b>Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development</b>	<b>Elwin LeRoux</b>	<b>June 2017</b>
<b>School Community</b>	<b>Elwin LeRoux</b>	<b>June 2017</b>

**Contact**

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## **Appendix A**

**Report from the School Naming Committee  
for the new High School in Eastern Passage  
June 2017**

## **Background**

In April 2012, the Premier of Nova Scotia announced a new High School would be built in Eastern Passage. At the time, it was scheduled to open in September 2014.

A School Site Committee was formed and submitted its report to the Governing Board in September 2013. The HRSB approved the recommendations and forwarded them to the provincial government.

On April 16, 2015, the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development announced the new High School would be built on former municipal property in Eastern Passage.

From June 2015 to June 2016 the School Steering Team met. The School Steering Team served an advisory role in the design of the school. The committee was asked to provide input to the provincial government for consideration during the design process for the new school.

In the fall of 2016 construction began on the new school.

In April 2017 the process was begun to choose a new name for the school as per Policy A.001 Naming or Renaming Schools.

In early May 2017 a School Naming Committee was formed.

## **The School Naming Committee**

The committee consisted of the principal, a student from the community, and four active community members. The committee members have been active on every feeder schools' School Advisory Committee. They also have served on the School Steering Team for the new High School, Boundary Review Committee (Fall of 2015) and the Eastern Passage School Options Committee (Spring 2016), that recommended modifying grade configurations at the elementary schools and Eastern Passage Education Centre.

The members of the School Naming Committee are:

- Student Representative – Meghan Murphy
- Community Members – Cori Ferguson, Chris Peters, Michelle Myers and Kristal Sampson.
- Principal – Patrick Savage

## **Process Followed to Name the School**

### ***Timeline***

May 11 – First meeting of the School Naming Committee.

- Established submission process, timelines and communication plan.

May 16 – Opening Day for name submissions to be received electronically or as hard copies through the HRSB website or at feeder schools.

May 25 – School Naming Committee – Meeting 2

- Verify that process is working (46 submissions received by that date.)
- Preliminary discussion of submitted names.
- Agreement reached on what process would be used to determine the school name at next meeting.

June 5 – Closing of School Name Submission Portal.

June 6 – School Naming Committee – Meeting 3

- Committee reviewed 181 submissions, a total of 75 names submitted.
- Decision reached on three names to be submitted to the board.

June 21 – Report submitted to the Board as per Policy A.001 Naming and Renaming Schools.

### ***Communication Plan***

The Eastern Passage, Cow Bay and Shearwater communities were made aware of the naming timelines and procedures through both paper and electronic means.

- Establishment of website to receive name suggestions. (Appendix 1)
- Feeder school websites and HRSB linked to the “naming of the new school website”
- Social media campaign to make the community aware of electronic name submission process.
- Sending home of one pager to explain the process of naming and how to submit suggestions from all feeder schools. (Appendix 2)
- Feeder schools communicated about the naming process using Messenger telephone and email program to parents/guardians.
- Based on the high number of submissions (181) the communications plan was deemed a success by the committee.

### ***Submissions Procedure***

All submissions were required to be:

- In hard copy if in written format and left in the main office of one of the feeder schools.
- Submitted through an electronic portal via the feeder school websites and the HRSB website.
- Submitted with person’s name, contact information and a rationale for the suggested name.

The electronic portal was watched to gauge public interest. These are the number of submissions received by the following dates:

- May 22 – 46 submissions
- May 29 – 152 submissions

- June 5 – 181 submissions

There were six name submissions made as hard copies submitted to schools. A copy of the list of names submitted is attached. (Appendix 3)

### **Decision Making Process**

- The committee used the preliminary lists that were generated weekly to reflect on the submissions over time.
- At the second committee meeting it was agreed that all members would come to the third meeting with a list of what they thought would be the best 8 names.
- At the beginning of the third meeting those six lists were merged into one list.
- Individual members of the committee were given the chance to share research done about names that were being put forward.
- The committee used a process of consensus, informed by weighted voting, to arrive at their recommendations.

### **Recommendations**

The School Naming Committee is putting the following names forward in this order of priority;

- 1. Island View High School**
- 2. Eastern Passage District Academy**
- 3. Elsie Johnston Memorial Academy**

**Appendix 1**  
**Copy of HRSB Website Page**

This submission document was on the HRSB website from May 16 to June 5.

# Naming the New High School in Eastern Passage

*May 16, 2017*

Residents of Eastern Passage, Cow Bay and Shearwater, are being asked for their input to assist in determining the name for the new high school.

The Eastern Passage School Naming Committee will be accepting electronic and written submissions until **Monday, June 5, 2017**.

All submissions will be reviewed by the committee, who will then present a report of up to three recommended names to the HRSB for final review and selection.

To submit a recommendation electronically, [click here](#).

Paper name submissions can be left at the front desk of the schools in Eastern Passage with the school secretary. To print a paper copy, [click here](#).

[Click here](#) for more information about the new high school in Eastern Passage.

## Appendix 2

The Information sent home by feeder schools with each student (hard copy)

# Building a High School takes more than steel, concrete and glass.



## We need a name!

The Eastern Passage School Naming Committee is seeking help from the residents of Eastern Passage, Cow Bay and Shearwater, in determining the potential name for our new high school.

The committee will be accepting electronic and written submissions for consideration until Monday, June 5th, 2017.

All submissions will be reviewed, and the list narrowed down by the committee, who will then present 3 recommended names to the HRSB for final review and selection.

To submit an electronic recommendation, please visit: <http://www.hrsb.ca/naming-ep-high-school>

Paper name submissions can be left at the front desk of the schools in Eastern Passage with the school secretary.

To visit a website with information about the new school please visit: <http://www.hrsb.ca/about-hrsb/operations-services/capital-projects/new-high-school-eastern-pass>



## **Appendix 3**

### **List of Name Submissions**

1. Atlantic Breeze High
2. Atlantic High School
3. Atlantic View Academy
4. Bay House High
5. Bayview High School
6. Beachside Passage High School
7. Beacon High
8. Braun Scott Woodfield high school (PT)
9. Breakwater High School
10. Caldwell High (School) (Caldwell Rd High School)
11. Carrie Best High School
12. Clyde T Henneberry High School
13. Coleman High School
14. Cove High
15. Cow Passage District High School
16. Daybreak High School
17. Destroyer High
18. Devils View High
19. Eastern Passage Buccaneers
20. Eastern Passage Composite High
21. Eastern Passage Seaview High
22. Eastern Passage Tide High
23. Elsie Johnstone Memorial High School
24. Eastern Passage Education Centre Volume 2
25. Eastern Passage High School (Academy) (District) (EPHS)
26. EPCB Collegiate
27. Fishermans High School
28. Fisherman's (Cove) Memorial High School
29. Fort Clarence High
30. Harbour High
31. Harbour Side High School
32. Harbour View High School
33. Helen Creighton Academy
34. Hillside High
35. HMCS Magnificent High School
36. Island View (High) School
37. Jacob Horne (Memorial) High School
38. Jeep Deveaux Memorial High
39. John "Jock" Flemming High

40. John Cabot High
41. Joseph Gorham High
42. Joyce Treen High School
43. Kerra Lee Memorial High
44. Kjikujikwitk High School
45. Lakesight High School (Lake Site)
46. Mary Walcott Ritchie High School
47. McNab High School (McNab Island High, MIH)
48. Nova high school or Avonlea
49. Ocean Breeze High (Education Centre)
50. Ocean Heights
51. Ocean Hills
52. Oceanside
53. Oceanview High
54. Orca High School
55. Oswald Avery High School
56. Overwatch High School
57. Passage High
58. Passage To The Future High School
59. Rehtaeh High
60. Rev. Dr. Donald D Skeir
61. Riverdale High
62. Sandpiper High
63. Sea Front High School
64. Seabreeze High School
65. Seagull View High School
66. Seaking High
67. SeaShore High
68. Seaview High School
69. Silver Sands High
70. Tallahassee Memorial High School
71. Triton High School
72. Vimy Ridge (Memorial) High School (Academy)
73. W.H.P. Elkins High School
74. Walter Harris Callow
75. Walter Joseph Myers