

HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD Capital Construction Priorities 2014 - 2015

PURPOSE: To seek approval from the Board regarding the Halifax Regional School Board capital construction priorities for submission to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD).

BUSINESS PLAN GOAL: N/A

BACKGROUND: During the 2010-2011 school year, staff prepared a facility master plan that outlined proposed school capital plans for renovations, new schools and associated review processes as it pertains to each family of schools and proposed revisions for feeder school configurations. The plan was presented to the Governing Board in March 2011 for information (Report No. 11-03-1292-Capital Plan: 10 Year Facilities Master Plan) and is a living document that continues to guide capital planning.

In December 2011, the Chair of the Halifax Regional School Board received a letter from the provincial government, undersigned by the Minister of Education, which outlined the approach the government is to adopt for school capital planning. The revised process requires Boards to submit project lists annually. A detailed business case template document was developed by the DEECD and is required to be completed for each proposed project.

In February 2012, the Board approved a list of ten capital projects as proposed in Report 12-02-1333, 2012 School Capital Projects, for submission to the DEECD. The Department approved two projects, a Dartmouth South P-9 school and the Energy Savings Project, in December 2012.

In January 2013, a letter from the Deputy Minister of Education to Superintendent Judy White indicated that government is providing HRSB with an opportunity to revisit, revise, reaffirm or otherwise review their current priorities and needs, and to submit ten projects to the Department by April 30, 2013.

CONTENT: As noted, the government has requested that school boards submit a School Capital Construction Plan on an annual basis. This will allow for a review and amendment of capital requests should conditions such as programming changes, demographic shifts, changing building conditions or school closures occur.

The Halifax Regional School Board has been instructed to submit a list of ten projects consisting of new school construction as well as additions and alterations by April 30, 2013. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will carry out the

process of choosing projects submitted by school boards based on a provincial priority assessment.

Staff has considered the Halifax Regional School Board Facility Master Plan and recommends the Governing Board submit the following ten projects to Department of Education and Early Childhood Development:

- Eastern District P-12 School (New School Construction)
- Charles P. Allen (former high school) (Addition and Alteration)
- Shannon Park Elementary School (Acquisition from Department of National Defense)
- Bicentennial School (Addition and Alteration)
- South Peninsula Elementary School (New School Construction)
- Eastern Shore District High School (Addition and Alteration)
- J.L. Ilsley High School (Addition and Alteration)
- Sunnyside Elementary School (Addition and Alteration)
- Inglis Street Elementary (Addition and Alteration)
- Fairview Heights Elementary (Addition and Alteration)

COST: N/A

FUNDING: Approved projects funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

TIMELINE: The final approved capital construction project submission list must be received by the Department of Education by April 30, 2013.

APPENDICES: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Board approve this list of projects for submission to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

COMMUNICATIONS:

| AUDIENCE | RESPONSIBLE | TIMELINE |
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| Department of Education and Early Childhood Development | Ron Heiman, Director Operation Services | Following Board Approval |

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