

HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD Capital Construction Projects 2013 - 2014

PURPOSE: To provide information to the Board regarding the Halifax Regional School Board Capital Construction projects announced by Department of Education (DoE).

BUSINESS PLAN GOAL: This report supports Business Plan Goal #3: To ensure schools are safe and maintained to high standards.

BACKGROUND: 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 has been developed by the DoE and is required to be completed for each proposed project.

Additionally, in December 2011, a letter from the Deputy Minister of Education to Superintendents indicated that government is providing Boards with an opportunity to revisit, revise, reaffirm or otherwise review their current priorities and needs. Boards were advised to submit priority projects by April 20, 2012.

In February 2012, the Board approved a list of ten capital projects as proposed in (Report) 12-02-1333, 2012 School Capital Projects, presented by staff, for submission to the Department of Education. Staff prepared a business case document for each project and submitted to the DoE on April 20, 2012 (see attached correspondence Appendix A).

CONTENT: On December 7, 2012, the government announced the capital plan for 2013-2014.

The plan includes two new projects announced for the Halifax Regional School Board as well as confirms projects already ongoing.

New Projects:

New South Dartmouth P-9 School

This \$18 M school construction project will be designed for student enrolment of 550 to replace existing Prince Arthur Junior High and Southdale-North Woodside Elementary Schools. The targeted delivery date is September 2015.

Site selection will be the next step in the project delivery process. Staff will be assigning a facilitator to lead a site selection committee to identify three possible locations for the new school site. A report

will be presented to Board in the near future for approval of submission to the DoE.

Energy Savings Project

This is a \$34M project that includes implementation of energy saving facility infrastructure upgrades at over 90 schools. The measures were determined in a feasibility report completed by MCW Custom Energy Solutions Ltd. and include lighting upgrades, natural gas boiler conversions, building automation system upgrades, LED outside lighting, dashboard technology, as well as some building envelope improvements and water conservation measures. These measures will generate approximately \$2.4 M in utility savings annually when fully implemented.

Funding will be distributed over four years starting April 2013.

Ongoing Projects:

Cole Harbour District High School Additions & Alteration project- A renovation of the existing high school to construct a new gym and a space for delivery of a skilled trades program. This project started 2012-13 and is targeted for completion by September 2014.

Eastern Passage High School Additions & Alterations Project- A renovation of the existing Seaside Elementary School to create a high school to support an enrolment of 600 students. This project started 2012-13 and is targeted for completion by September 2014. A boundary review will be required for re-assignment of elementary students currently attending Seaside Elementary School.

New Charles P. Allen High School – Construction of a \$30M high school designed for 1200 enrolment is to be completed for occupancy by September 2013. This school includes a community enhancement by Halifax Regional Municipality which includes a second gym, community center and performance infrastructure upgrades in the cafetorium.

Atlantic Memorial Elementary Additions & Alterations Project- Includes \$2.5 M in renovations to classrooms, new ventilation system, building envelope upgrades, administration and main entry security upgrades and a new multi-purpose room. This three year project will be completed in the 2012-13 year.

Dartmouth High School Additions & Alterations Project – A four year \$11M renovation is ongoing including a new gym, administration offices, classroom upgrades, new electrical service, roof replacement, window upgrades, cafeteria upgrades, new washrooms and exterior grounds upgrades all completed in the first three years. The final phase of work proposed to be completed in 2013-14 includes a tech ed. shop, library and music room as well as further technology upgrades in classrooms.

Prince Andrew High School Additions and Alterations Project- A four year \$9M renovation is ongoing including classroom upgrades,

cafeteria upgrades, new ventilation system, new electrical service, roof replacement, windows, tech ed. lab with innovations lab, film and video classroom and exterior grounds all completed in the first three years. The final phase of work proposed to be completed in 2013-14 includes administration and front entrance upgrades, Life Sciences lab and Family Studies lab upgrades.

COST: The cost of the P-9 Dartmouth school is \$18 million.
The cost of the Energy Savings Project is \$34 million.

FUNDING: This project funding will be provided by the Province as TCA Capital Construction projects.

TIMELINE: The targeted completion date for Dartmouth P-9 school is September 2015.

Implementation of energy savings projects will be over four years, starting April 2013 and completion is expected in 2016-17.

APPENDICES: Capital Project Priority List Letter to DoE.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That the Board receive this report for information.

COMMUNICATIONS:

AUDIENCE	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
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APPENDIX A

April 20, 2012

Honourable Ramona Jennex
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Jennex:

RE: Capital Project Priorities - HRSB

The Halifax Regional School Board has reviewed its capital needs and has revised the priorities that were requested in 2008.

As you are aware, the Halifax Regional School Board has aging infrastructure and underutilized space in many areas. This is of concern to us. We are looking at ways to improve the infrastructure and at the same time consolidate schools in an effort to reduce underutilized space. Although many of our areas are decreasing in enrollment, we also have areas that are increasing. Our submission reflects these factors.

The Halifax Regional School Board is requesting the following 10 priorities in this order:

1. New Eastern District P-12 school in Sheet Harbour
2. New South Dartmouth P-9 school
3. Renovation to Bicentennial School
4. New North Central Peninsula P-6 School
5. Energy Savings Project
6. New South Peninsula Elementary School
7. New Ravines High School
8. Additions and Alterations to Eastern Shore District High School
9. Additions and alterations to J. L. Ilsley High School
10. New Sunnyside Elementary School

Enclosed with this correspondence is the business case for each of these projects. We look forward to hearing about the success of our submissions. If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us.

Regards,

Irvine Carvery
Chair, Halifax Regional School Board
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