

Site Selection Committee Spryfield High School Minutes of May 9, 2017 Meeting

The second meeting of the **Site Selection Committee** (SSC) was held on May 9, 2017 at JL Ilsley High School.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by SSC Facilitator Gary Walker.

The minutes from the May 2 meeting were approved – moved by Linda MacKay, seconded by Connor MacEachern.

The mandate, timeline and terms of reference of the committee's work were reviewed.

Phil Cox (DTIR) presented a map of the 5-km-radius area the committee asked for in the previous meeting which highlights all parcels five acres and larger. The map differentiates among municipal, provincial, federal and private land.

DTIR presented five possible options for using the existing JL Ilsley land for a new school. Option 1 would see the new school built on the current sports field. Option 2 required demolishing a wing of the existing school. Two of the options (3 and 3b) were dependent on investigating land areas. Option 4 would require demolishing the existing school and relocating current students while the new school was being constructed. The Committee was shown how the "blue sky" options information could be used with the existing parcel of land.

During this meeting there were several questions the Committee asked to clarify:

1. The policy for including a sports field with a new school.
2. DTIR planned to inquire about the viability of any land if necessary for Options 3 and 3b.
3. HRSB was asked to inquire about the sports field policies as well as the logistics of moving students from JL if the current school while a new school was being constructed.
4. HRSB also planned to check whether Options 1 or 2, which do not include any additional land, would be considered as a different site from Options 3 or 3b, which includes other land.
5. HRM planned to inquire about the schedule of current sports field use.

HRSB presented possible guidelines for considering viability of a site, including

- Availability and proximity to sidewalks
- Proximity to crosswalks/traffic lights
- Access to parks/trails/pathways
- Proximity to bus stop
- Adjacent uses – mixed use (residential, commercial, institutional)
- Access to site
- Within Regional centre, growth centre, surrounded by existing neighbourhoods
- CPTED – eyes on the site most of the time
- Current topography/vegetation cover
- Environmental considerations
- Proximity to cultural, community amenities
- Centre of the catchment area

HRSB offered to prepare an information binder for each member.

DTIR were asked to prepare “blue-sky” options for several other sites the committee looked at. The committee have inquired about information on six possible parcels of land during this meeting.

DTIR was also asked to bring the province’s site selection criteria to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held depending on when DTIR collects the necessary information – either May 16 or May 23.

Site Selection Committee Members in attendance:

Gary Walker, SSC Facilitator
Connor MacEachern, SAC
Julia Jewett, SAC
Linda MacKay, HRSB Board member
Jill McGillicuddy, HRSB Planner
Phil Cox, DTIR
Gareth Evans, HRM
Dan Sheehan, HRSB Operations
Gordon McKelvie, Principal
Dylan Hayne, DTIR

Regrets:

Archy Beals, HRSB ANS Board member
Jessica Rose, HRSB Aboriginal Board member
Andy MacNeil, HRSB School Admin supervisor
Ron Heiman, HRSB Operations