

Site Selection Committee Spryfield High School Minutes of June 13, 2017 Meeting

The sixth meeting of the **Site Selection Committee** (SSC) was held on June 13, 2017 at JL Ilsley High School. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by SSC Facilitator Gary Walker.

The minutes from the May 30, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Gordon McKelvie and seconded by Linda MacKay.

Gary reviewed the Community Engagement Session that took place on June 6th. Members expressed that it was excellent to see a large number of community members; parents, teachers, and elected officials attend the session.

Ten pages of public comments that were voiced and recorded by the secretary during the Community Engagement Session were reviewed for opportunities and constraints for the potential school sites. Many comments were related to boundary reviews and school programming which is not part of the School Site Selection Policy & Procedure.

More than 100 emails were sent to the Site Selection email at HRSB. Of the emails received, 53 identified the site where they felt the new school should be located. The current JL Ilsley site was the first choice, Leiblin Drive was the second choice, and the site located north of the Captain William Spry Centre was the third choice noted in the emails received from the public.

The committee reviewed the opportunities and constraints for each of the eight potential sites that were identified at the Community Engagement Session.

- The Urban Farm site was removed from the list of potential sites because of the historical significance of the site, current development agreement on the site, and the many constraints identified.
- Both of the Greystone sites were removed from the list of potential sites because we did not receive any positive opportunities for the sites. The sites also have many constraints.
- The Williams Lake Road site was removed from the list of potential sites because we did not receive any positive feedback for this site. The site access off of the Purcell's Cove Rd had minimal support from the comments and emails and it has several constraints based on the site selection criteria. It was also noted that HRM has significantly invested in the trail system in this area and it is an extension of the Frog Pond Park.
- The Northwest of Captain William Spry Centre site was removed from the list of potential sites because of the many topographical limitations of this site identified by DTIR. It was noted this site does have excellent adjacencies to the community.

It was agreed by the committee, of the eight original sites, only the current JL Ilsley site (that must be considered and included as per the SSC policy) and the Leiblin Drive site will be considered as potential sites.

Four potential sites identified during the Community Engagement Session were now discussed.

- Old Sambro Road near the Irving
- Area adjacent to Graves Oakley Park on Leiblin Drive
- Cowie Hill Area at HRM operation Office off North West Arm Drive
- Green Acres off the Herring Cove Road

DTIR and HRM will examine the four new sites and bring information to our next meeting.

The committee will review the site selection criteria for each of the new sites and identify the opportunities and constraints for each of these sites.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 20th @ 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Site Selection Committee Members in attendance:

Gary Walker, SSC Facilitator
Archy Beals, HRSB ANS Board member
Gareth Evans, HRM
Julia Jewett, SAC
Linda MacKay, HRSB Board member
Jill McGillicuddy, HRSB Planner
Phil Cox, DTIR
Gordon McKelvie, Principal
Maria Jacobs, HRM

Regrets:

Connor MacEachern, SAC
Dan Sheehan, HRSB Operations
Jessica Rose, HRSB Aboriginal Board member
Andy MacNeil, HRSB School Admin supervisor
Ron Heiman, HRSB Operations
Dylan Hayne, DTIR