

York Catholic District School Board

MINUTES
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE
(Public Session)

The meeting of the regular session of the Corporate Services Committee was held in the Boardroom at 320 Bloomington Road West and via Google Meet, on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, commencing at 5:37 p.m.

PRESENT:

Committee Members: F. Alexander, M. Barbieri, C. Cotton, E. Crowe [5:39], J. DiMeo, A. Grella*, M. Iafrate [5:37], T. McNicol*, A. Saggese, J. Wigston

Administration: D. Scuglia, J. Sarna, C. McNeil, T. Pechkovsky, J. Tsui, A. McDonald, K. Elgharbawy*, M. Gray*, T. Laliberte, L. Paonessa*

Absent with Notice: Student Trustees A. Peta-Dragos and J. James

Recording: K. Errett

Presiding: J. Wigston, Committee Chair

[*Denotes attendance via Google Meets]

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Committee Chair, J. Wigston, called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m., led the Committee in the Opening Prayer. C. McNeil recited the York Catholic District School Board Land Acknowledgement and provided Roll Call.

2. APPROVAL OF NEW MATERIAL:

Motion: Iafrate/Barbieri

THAT the new agenda material, pertaining to revised pages, be approved as provided.

— MOTION CARRIED —

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Iafrate/Saggese

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

— MOTION CARRIED —

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Nil

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: DiMeo/Saggese

THAT the Minutes of the February 7, 2023 Corporate Services Committee meeting be approved as presented.

— MOTION CARRIED —

6. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The next meeting of the Corporate Services Committee is scheduled tentatively for October 24, 2023.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Nil

8. OUTSIDE PRESENTATION(S): Nil

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS: Nil

10. ACTION ITEM(S):**a) Dual and Triple Feeder Schools Review**

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager, Planning & Operations, and Joachim Tsui, Manager, Planning services, presented the final report required by the 2018 Long-Term Accommodation Plan, and explained the rationale for the removal of the remaining dual and triple feeder areas A, B, D, E and G (Areas C and F were addressed at the February 7, 2023 Board Meeting), as outlined in the report *Dual and Triple Feeder Secondary Schools*. The review methodology was consistent with that of the Maple study review, which took into consideration program and enrolment counts, projected enrolment, availability of public transit, program offering at York Region District School Board, Student Transportation Services' (STS) Non-Transportation Zones (NTZ) ridership information and costs. A lengthy discussion was held before addressing the recommendations in the report.

There was no mover for the recommendation for Area A:

- 1) **THAT** the motions of 2008 and 2010 (see below for motions) designating Area A as a dual and triple feeder be rescinded as of September 1, 2026 (implementation Scenario 2). Students from the St. Andrew CES, St. Padre Pio CES, St. Stephen CES catchment area are directed to St. Jean de Brebeuf (home school) with all transportation to Holy Cross CHS and Father Bressani CHS ending June 30, 2029.

THAT the Report 2008:04 of the Accommodation Committee meeting held Tuesday, November 25, 2008, be approved.

(December 9, 2008 Regular Board Meeting)

THAT secondary dual feeder area "A" no include Father Bressani Catholic High School; (November 23, 2010, Regular Board Meeting)

— **MOTION DEFEATED** —

Motion: Crowe/Cotton

- 2) **THAT** the motion of 2008 (see below for motion) designating Area B as a dual feeder be rescinded as of September 1, 2024 (implementation Scenario 1). Students from St. Marguerite d'Youville CES catchment area are directed to St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS (home school), with all transportation to Our Lady Queen of the World CHS ending June 30, 2027.

THAT St. Marguerite d'Youville students living east of Yonge Street be given dual feeder status to both St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS and Jean Vanier CHS, effective immediately.

(December 9, 2008 Regular Board Meeting)

— **MOTION CARRIED** —

Motion: McNicol/Cotton

- 3) **THAT** the motion in 2008 (see below for past motion) designating Area D as a dual feeder be rescinded as of September 1, 2024 (implementation Scenario 1). Students from Notre Dame CES catchment area are directed to Sacred Heart CHS (home school), with all transportation to St. Maximilian Kolbe CHS ending June 30, 2027.

THAT the Board endorse the Boundary Option "B" as outlined and amended in the report dated January 16, 2008...

(January 22, 2008 Regular Board Meeting)

— **MOTION CARRIED** —

Motion: Crowe/Cotton

4) **THAT** the motion in 2010 (see below for past motion) designating Area E as a dual feeder be rescinded to discontinue the dual feeder arrangement at Area E as of September 1, 2026 (implementation Scenario 2). Students from Our Lady of Fatima CES (north of Rutherford Road) are directed to Holy Cross CHS (home school), with all transportation to Father Bressani CHS ending June 30, 2029.

THAT a new dual feeder area “E” be established for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School boundary north of Rutherford Road, allowing students access to Father Bressani CHS in addition to Holy Cross CHS (their current home high school). (November 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting)

— **MOTION DEFEATED** —

The Committee agreed to move to Agenda Item 11b) 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan Principles and Parameters and to return to Recommendation 5) for Area G.

- 1) *THAT Trustees approve the 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan – Principles.*
- 2) *THAT Trustees approve the 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan – Parameters, amended to include Item 1) New Schools and Additions, b) Consideration should be given to establishing new schools in communities where there is no existing Catholic School.*

Following Action Item 11b) 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan Principles and Parameters and Information Item 14 a) Education Development Charges (EDC) Update and 14 b) Non-Transportation Services Areas – Review [6:41 p.m.].

It was requested that Action Item 11a) Dual and Triple Feeder School Review, be revisited, specifically to **move Motion #1 for Area A and reconsider Motions #4 for Area E and #5 for Area G** which was still on the floor.

[6:43p.m. – 6:48 p.m. - A five-minute recess was held while the Committee referred to the Rules of Order and YCDSB By-laws].

After a lengthy discussion regarding the potential impact on enrolment and programs at St. Jean de Brebeuf CHS, Holy Cross CHS and Father Bressani CHS where the current dual/triple feeder status are to be rescinded, consideration of Motion 1 for Area A and reconsideration of Motion 4 for Area E were put on the floor:

Motion: Cotton/Barbieri

1) **THAT** the motions of 2008 and 2010 (see below for motions) designating Area A as a dual and triple feeder be rescinded as of September 1, 2026 (implementation Scenario 2). Students from the St. Andrew CES, St. Padre Pio CES, St. Stephen CES catchment area are directed to St. Jean de Brebeuf (home school) with all transportation to Holy Cross CHS and Father Bressani CHS ending June 30, 2029.

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— **MOTION DEFEATED** —

Motion Barbieri/Cotton

THAT the Committee reconsider Motion #4 for Area E which was previously moved and defeated.

— MOTION DEFEATED —

There being three in favour, the motion did not have sufficient support to reconsider the motion and it continued to be defeated.

A new Motion regarding temporary bussing for the St. Cecilia CES Community to St. Joan of Arc CHS was put forth for consideration.

Motion: Saggese/Crowe

- 1) **THAT** the transportation policy exception previously approved April 26, 2022 to transport students from Area G to St. Joan of Arc CHS be extended for the 2023-24 school year, ending June 30, 2024.
- 2) **THAT** Transportation at that time shall be determined according to Board Policy #203.

— MOTION CARRIED —

At this point Motion 5 for Area G, rescinding the dual feeder status, was moved.

Motion: Saggese/Cotton

THAT the motion in 2010 designating Area G as a dual feeder be rescinded to discontinue the dual feeder arrangement at Area G as of September 1, 2024, with the final alignment of St. Cecilia to be determined by the in-process boundary review.

*THAT St. Cecilia CES, being located south of Major Mackenzie Drive, become a dual feeder to St. Joan of Arc CHS and St. Elizabeth CHS, including all Block 17 students.
(November 23, 2010 Regular Board Meeting)*

— MOTION CARRIED —

b) 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan Principles and Parameters

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager, Planning & Operations, and Joachim Tsui, Manager, Planning Services, presented an overview of the 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan (2024 LTAP). In accordance with the proposed timeline, staff provided the rationale for the review and approval of the 2024 LTAP Principles and Parameters.

The original recommendations, below, were to moved on block with an amendment to address the deleted phrase.

- 1) *THAT Trustees approve the 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan – Principles, as presented in Appendix B.*
- 2) *THAT Trustees approve the 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan – Parameters, as presented in Appendix C.*

Trustee Crowe moved the recommendation with an amendment to include the original wording in the Parameters, pertaining to the establishment of new schools in communities where there is no existing Catholic school.

Motion: Crowe/Iafrate

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- 2) **THAT** Trustees approve the 2024-2029 Long-Term Accommodation Plan – Parameters, amended to include Item 1) New Schools and Additions, *b) Consideration should be given to establishing new schools in communities where there is no existing Catholic School.*

— MOTION CARRIED —

11. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS: Nil**12. DISCUSSION ITEM(S):** Nil**13. INFORMATION ITEMS:****a) Education Development Charges (EDC) Update**

A. McDonald, Assistant Manager of Planning, provided information regarding the Education Development Charges (EDC) renewal process, pertinent to the July 1, 2024 expiry of the current By-law #7. It was highlighted that Administration, in conjunction with York Region DSB, has commenced the renewal process with the award of an RFP to an EDC consultant. A comprehensive project schedule will be released in the coming weeks and a number of meetings will be scheduled throughout the year according to the timeline in the legislation that governs proper notice, etc.

It was highlighted that, while the Province has eliminated some other municipal development charges, the Education Development Charge legislation has been changed but boards are still collecting EDCs, at least until June 2024 at which time YCDSB will know whether it qualifies for a successor By-law, working in conjunction with the consultant for the best chances to ensure the Board has the greatest opportunity to qualify.

Further updates will be provided throughout the EDC renewal process, as information becomes available.

b) Non-Transportation Services Areas – Review

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager of Planning and Operations, provided an update to the Committee on the change to the Non-Transportation Zones affecting Holy Cross CHS and St. Joan of Arc CHS. As per Policy 203, Student Transportation Services, bussing eligibility is determined on a number of criteria, including access to public transit. Updated YRT service availability will result in adjustments to transportation eligibility to be effective September 2024. STSYR will notify affected families.

It was noted that there are pockets in areas that do not meet the transit-served definition. T. Pechkovsky provided assurances that, as the system is unable to assess individual addresses, consideration will be given to parents that contact STSYR to have their concerns addressed.

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager of Planning and Operations highlighted to Trustees that there will be a workshop in the fall to discuss possible changes to Policy 203 Student Transportation Services, and it was encouraged that all Trustees attend.

c) Yonge North Subway Extension – Transit Corridor Lands Designation

T. Pechkovsky, Coordinating Manager of Planning and Operations, provided an update on the Yonge North subway extension, aligning directly beneath St. Anthony CES. A Metrolinx letter received on May 1, 2023, advises all property owners of a 30-metre buffer on or within the “Transit Corridor Lands” designated by the Province per the *Building Faster Transit Act, 2020*, for which a Metrolinx permit, in addition to a municipal permit, is required for any work being carried out on or under any property within the buffer zone. Any further updates will be communicated as it becomes available.

Although there has been no notification from Metrolinx of work required over the summer months, details pertaining to unanticipated activity will be communicated to the community on signage.

A Metrolinx letter received by residents will be shared with staff. The letter indicates that a wider buffer will be put in place and a temporary lien will be placed on properties while storing equipment and materials.

d) Maintenance Department Improvement Progress

K. Elgharbawy, Superintendent of Facilities Services and Plant, presented an update on the Maintenance Department improvement initiatives which were developed to improve management and operations of YCDSB facilities and to the provision of safe, functional and inviting learning environments.

e) Capital and Asset Renewal Projects Update

K. Elgharbawy, Superintendent of Facilities Services and Plant, presented an update on the 2021-22 capital projects, proposed 2022-23 capital plan and the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) projects. A total of 142 projects (41 completed and 101 in-progress) valued at approximately \$33M are expected to be substantially complete by September 1, 2023. Ministry reporting on the Board's Capital Renewal Plan will determine the release of funding for 2023-24.

A report for a future Corporate Services Committee meeting was requested from the Plant Department to provide an update of the conversion of the costly school stage lighting to LED in order to assist schools to reduce the expense of operating the stage lighting which may be creating an undue burden on school GSB's.

f) Purchasing Bid Activity Report

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board, provided the Bid Management System Procurement Activity Report for January 31, 2023 to May 23, 2023. There was one exception reported for this period.

g) OSBIE Insurance Report: Property Claims

C. McNeil, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Board, provided an Insurance Report update and made note of the three outstanding property claims at Sacred Heart CHS, Pope Francis CES and St. Clement CES.

14. NOTICE(S) OF MOTION: Nil

15. FUTURE ITEM(S): Nil

Adjournment: 7:31 P.M.

On Motion: Cotton/DiMeo and CARRIED