



SUMMARY OF POLICY 409 CONSULTATIONS

M. Gerald Teed School

September 2018 – December 2018

Meeting Date & School Name	Numbers Attending	Questions
M. Gerald Teed School November 6, 2018	38 Community/family members Principal & Vice Principal MLA Trevor Holder 4 DEC members 4 District Staff	<p>Mrs. Watson, Superintendent, welcomed all in attendance and introduced DEC and District staff. She advised that Council and staff were here to discuss the sustainability of their school and the Ernst & Young report that outlined options for seven schools in the city. She provided information on Phase 1, 2 and now 3 of this sustainability review and next steps to be considered by the DEC.</p> <p>The proposal is for M. Gerald Teed to become a K-5 school and this will mean either an addition to the existing structure or a new school in the local area. Mrs. Watson explained that because a closure may be what is required, the DEC would initiate a full Policy 409 review. The closure is contingent on a new school being built.</p> <p>She reviewed slides pertaining to the age of our buildings, declining school enrolment, and school boundaries for Hazen-White/St. Francis, Millidgeville North and Princess Elizabeth.</p> <p>Mr. MacDonald then spoke about determining sustainability under Policy 409 and the factors considered; Ministerial approval of a school closure; public consultation process; enrolment; staffing; operating expenses, transportation, capital improvement projects, activities and programs at the school and businesses in the area who support the school.</p> <p>It was noted that the Ernst & Young report is posted on the ASD-S website and the power point from this meeting will be posted as well.</p> <p>Mrs. Watson then opened the floor to questions.</p> <p>One speaker asked how much land is required to build a school that can house 550 students. Mrs. Watson advised that we would like to have as</p>



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		<p>much land as possible; however, buildings can be built vertically (i.e. Seaside Park Elementary School). She noted that new schools would be fully accessible and have elevators to accommodate the multiple stories.</p> <p>Question was raised about where a new school in Millidgeville would be built? Mrs. Watson advised that the DEC is welcome to make suggestions if they are aware of possible land that is available; however, location is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.</p> <p>One speaker asked if 500 students is the maximum capacity for the new school and what if there was an influx of students at some point? Mrs. Watson noted that we cannot predict future enrolment but, in the past, schools have been built to house students in their catchment areas and have not seen a significant increase. Millidgeville North has capacity for 1,100 students so if we ever did need extra space, the capacity is there.</p>
<p>M. Gerald Teed School December 3, 2018</p>	<p>8 Community/family members Principal 4 DEC 3 District Staff</p>	<p>DEC Vice Chair, Roger Nesbitt welcomed everyone to the 2nd scheduled 409 sustainability review for M. Gerald Teed School. An explanation was given for the purpose of the meeting; to receive feedback on the proposed options for the school. He explained that this is not the last chance to provide input and he outlined how feedback could be provided. He introduced Council members and District staff. He then invited those in attendance to introduce themselves to the rest of the attendees.</p> <p>One speaker registered to speak on the proposed plan for M. Gerald Teed. Following this presentation, the floor was then opened for further comments and/or questions.</p> <p>The suggestion was made to add the “breezeway” at M. Gerald Teed and that if a new school is needed, it could be built on land at Millidgeville North.</p>



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	<p>Question was asked how we prioritize school closures and new builds? Mr. Nesbitt explained the process the province does provincially (“QBL”) and Ms. Watson explained our priority list - 1. Saint John High School upgrade; 2. St. John the Baptist/King Edward and Prince Charles new school; 3. Grand Bay/Westfield/Morna new school; 4. Hazen-White/St. Francis and Centennial new school.</p> <p>The following comments and opinions are grouped based on the eight categories below identified within Policy 409.</p> <p>Enrolment: M. Gerald Teed enrolment has remained fairly consistent over the past few years and has increased the last year, partly due to early French Immersion being made available at the school. As of September 2018, enrolment at the school is 182 K-2 students.</p> <p>Health and Safety: M. Gerald Teed was built in 1963. There are a number of outstanding projects required at M. Gerald Teed including exterior window replacements (\$200,000) and roofing (\$118,000). Capital improvements projects completed over the last five years include water supply and distribution upgrade and exterior draining, totaling \$80,000. No outstanding health and safety issues.</p> <p>Quality of Programs: M. Gerald Teed offers quality educational programs; however, an expansion or a new K-5 school would provide many additional program services such as: larger gym facilities, full service cafeteria, break-out classrooms, music room, Early Childhood spaces, additional parking spaces, etc.</p> <p>M. Gerald Teed has a PALS partnership with Shannex, Millidgeville; ELF program; Science Club; UNB partnership and YMCA/Community Centre (owned by the City and run by the YMCA).</p>
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	<p>There are many activities and support programs at the school and many businesses located in/and or supporting the school community.</p> <p>At one of the meetings an attendee stated that she fully supports the proposal and the three phases but, for the record, she would like it noted that the YMCA is a critical component to the community and that any future plans should incorporate space for the YMCA onsite.</p> <p>Transportation: The impact on transportation would be minimal with an expansion or a new school (assuming a new K-5 is built within the community).</p> <p>There are 182 K-2 students at the school and 81 take the bus. The average distance from the school for all students is 2.78 km and for bused students it is 2.86 km. The average time on the bus is 13 minutes. Currently there are three buses serving M. Gerald Teed.</p> <p>Finances: Depending upon the option chosen, future capital repair costs may be avoided at M. Gerald Teed if the school is closed; however, a penalty may then be payable to the City of Saint John (approx. \$912,000) for the Community Centre agreement.</p> <p>As noted in the District's power point presentation, there are currently 20.41 full time equivalents staffing the school. The total yearly operating costs are \$1,575,241.</p> <p>Community Impact: Impact should be minimal depending upon which option is chosen. Assumption would be that a new school would be built in the current school community.</p> <p>Expectation would be that a new K-5 school with up to date facilities would be a huge benefit to the local community and may draw families with young children to the area.</p>
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		<p>Impact on other schools: Millidgeville North would be reconfigured to a middle school, grades 6-8. It is currently a grades 3-8 school and the grades 3-5 students in this plan would move to M. Gerald Teed.</p> <p>Economic Development: Impact would be minimal. Businesses located in the area now would most likely still be in close proximity to a new school, if that is the option chosen.</p> <p>If a new school is able to draw in new families, it would have a positive impact on the City of Saint John, in particular the local community of Millidgeville.</p>
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