

## Nackawic Schools Sustainability Comments from Website (Effective January 21, 2016)

- **David McTimoney** · 3 days ago

As the sustainability study nears an end, the time is also approaching to close this discussion board. We will plan to close it on January 20th, which will give us time to print it and include it in the final report that we are preparing. Thank you for your contributions to the study. DMcT

**David McTimoney** · 14 days ago

Hello Jeanette...yes, we will get it up right away. It is up on the McAdam site at this time...will be up here soon. Could you please let me know if you see this as an important part of the final Nackawic report or if you are just using it for reference and some data. DMcT

**Jeanette** · 14 days ago

Hello David.. I have printed a hard copy off of McAdam's site so I can use that but do feel it should be added to the final report. Thanks Jeanette

**David McTimoney** · 3 days ago

You will see that we have kept it up, but simply outside the dedicated sections.  
DMcT

**Jeanette** · 15 days ago

Good Morning David, Can you please have the 3rd Party Consultant Report (Multi-Year Infrastructure Planning - Leo Hayes) attached to the final report for Nackawic please. Hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday. See you all tomorrow night.

**David McTimoney** · 17 days ago

We will start to organize the documents into folders in the days and weeks ahead. This will take the shape of the final report at the conclusion of the study. If you see that something is missing that you believe should be included, please let us know. DMcT

**Carmel** · a month ago

Colin, I was able to get all of the audio files to play using both Internet Explorer and Chrome. The files are quite large so it takes a lot of time for some of them to download/play. Also, the audio quality for some of them is not the greatest and I had to turn the volume up as loud as possible at times. Hope this helps.

**David McTimoney** · a month ago

Public Meeting #2 for the sustainability study of the three Nackawic schools has been cancelled for tonight due to the weather. We are expecting some heavy snow this afternoon (21cm).

The meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 7th at Nackawic Elementary School. If it is a storm on that day, the meeting will be on Thursday, January 14th.

DMcT

**Colin** · a month ago

I can't get the audio from the first meetings of Nackawic or Millville to play for any length.

**Nate** · a month ago

Where can I find historical enrollment data for the three schools prior to 1997?

**David McTimoney** · Nate · a month ago

These have now been posted to the right. We found data back to 1981. DMcT

**Nate** · a month ago

Thanks

**David McTimoney** · Nate · a month ago

We are looking for this with the Province...will update when we know more. DMcT

**Carm** · 2 months ago

Jeanette, have you tried looking at the ARCHIVED files on the DEC site?

I suspect you may be able to find what you're looking for here:

<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/A...{2C181F3D-6E1D-4FD2-9548-1434BB969BAC}>

**Jeanette** · a month ago

Thank you Carm, That is what I needed.

**Jeanette** · 2 months ago

David, I looked on the DEC site and was unable to go back to the list of trigger schools from the May 21, 2015 meeting. Can you add to portal please

**David McTimoney** · a month ago

Yes, this will be posted today. DMcT

**Jeanette** · 2 months ago

Hello David, Thank you for the document and yes that is what I am looking for. Also, Is there something documenting the operational cost of all the school within this district that could be posted?

**David McTimoney** · a month ago

Hello...Yes, we have this documentation. It will be posted today. DMcT

**David McTimoney** · 2 months ago

Please note that I revised the Financial Comparison document at the right simply to clarify the process for salary should a principal or VP not continue in the same capacity due to a school closure. Jeanette...I will ask for the documentation from EECD. I assume you are interested in the document that is similar to the one posted for KVMS and Millville.

DMcT

**David McTimoney** [a month ago](#)

These have been posted at the right.  
DMcT

**Jeanette** [2 months ago](#)

Good morning David,

I was wondering if you would have access to the expenditure that have been completed on NES for the past 15 years. Can you please post if you do?

**David McTimoney** [2 months ago](#)

The space utilization study was completed by our facilities manager and director of schools, but it wasn't formalized in a report. It was more an examination of the high school, room by room, and the information was placed on a copy of a floor plan. I will try to pull the information from the rough notes that we have and see if I can write a summary of the findings that would make sense to someone reading it. DMcT

**David McTimoney** [David McTimoney · 2 months ago](#)

This is now posted to the site on the right hand side.  
DMcT

**Jeanette** [2 months ago](#)

Thank you David

**Jeanette** [David McTimoney · 2 months ago](#)

Thanks David

**Jeanette** [2 months ago](#)

Good Afternoon David,

I believe that during a DEC meeting that I heard you were to complete a "Utilization/Space" study of NHS, can this be added to this site for review as well?

**David McTimoney** [2 months ago](#)

Important Note: I revised the Financial Comparison Full Report document. A couple of things happened. First of all, as I was working on the Millville report, I regularly cross referenced my work with the Nackawic report to be sure I was being consistent and to watch for errors. In doing this, I found a few small errors (salary of an administrative assistant was off and a couple of small calculation errors). Also, since I completed the Nackawic report, I have seen the kindergarten registration numbers for next year. The numbers for Nackawic Elementary are up...they are at 26. With this, I changed my projected numbers for next year to 31 (based on some historic trends in kindergarten registration). While this didn't change the number of projected classrooms needed for NES on its own, it did change the number of projected classrooms needed for NES and MES combined, either at the elementary school or at the middle school for scenario. With this in mind, I

re-did the numbers and have posted a revised report. While similar in looks, you will see revised numbers. I also took an opportunity to adjust some wording in the report.

DMcT

**David McTimoney** 2 months ago

The high school wing is going to be closed for the entire school year. The wing has been prepped for winter and a decision on its status will occur after the conclusion of the sustainability study. We are going to work with the school to help accommodate the longer-than-anticipated need to reshuffle teaching locations.

DMcT

**David McTimoney** 2 months ago

Oops...I didn't scroll down before replying! I see you found the answer. #1 priorities are generally related to health and safety or things like leaking roofs that will lead to considerable damage. #2 priorities are not urgent in nature but are items related to upgrades to assist in improved program delivery or building status. #3 priorities are projects that have been identified as items for general improvement of the facility or grounds but, again, less urgent and more for aesthetics with general improvement. The list is a "living document" and the facilities team makes adjustments to the database throughout the year. In March/April, they fine tune the list and present it to the District Education Council who, in turn, approve a prioritized list to submit to government. Government then finalizes the approved list of projects for the next fiscal year and assigns the dollars to complete the projects. The announcement is usually in December or January, with work beginning after March and mostly in the summer. Although it is rare, it has happened that a 2 was approved prior to a 1 due to unique circumstance and alignment of money to support a program.

DMcT

**David McTimoney** 2 months ago

Good Morning, If you flip to the page before on the power point, you will see that there are actually four capital improvement projects for Nackawic Elementary that amount to \$280 000. You may have just read that page as a stand alone slide. I have now posted all of the capital improvement projects to this site (to the right) with their priority listings. 1 is considered the highest priority.

DMcT

**Jeanette** 2 months ago

Hello David,

I have since had a chance to review the data you have updated on the site and needed to just confirm the NES Physical Plant Status that you have updated on your original presentation. I see that the one item remaining is Electrical Transformer Cleaning. Can you please confirm that the estimated cost is \$280,000? This seems extremely high. Could this have been used from an estimate on a much larger school?

**Jeanette** [Jeanette](#) 2 months ago

I see that on the priority list there are more items. That answers my question. Sorry for the confusion, just seen the updated one slide on presentation and didn't look further. My apologies.

Can you give a little detail to how the priority of the list works. Meaning that I take it "1" are reviewed and it is decided what can be completed within the district's budget? When is this decided for the year? Also, how often and when is this list revised, have you ever seen a budget that gets to meet "2" work needed?

**Jeanette** [2 months ago](#)

Hello David,

Thank you for the detailed updates and I look forward to the capital improvement priorities list. Also, thank you for the update on the high school and will await the decision on the wing. Can you estimate the time this will take?

**David McTimoney** [2 months ago](#)

A new report has been posted to the right that shows a financial breakdown in the "what-if" scenarios. Changed from my comments below is an update on playgrounds...it appears that moving the playground equipment from Nackawic is not likely as it has been in the ground for many years. I believe I will be up to date once I post the capital improvement project priorities. That will hopefully be soon.

DMcT

**David McTimoney** [2 months ago](#)

Here is a response to a number of questions that were listed in a post a couple of weeks ago. If you find I have missed something from that post, please point it out and I will try to find the answer.

A report on associated costs is almost complete. It will be posted very soon.

For Nackawic Elementary moving to Nackawic Middle, we have checked out the following: If there was a need to remove lockers, it would be done by our district staff and would be at a minimal cost. The costs for installing coat hooks on a pine board outside classrooms would be approximately \$150 per classroom. The costs for installing metal coat and book racks would be approximately \$2000 per classroom. We are projecting a need for 11 elementary classrooms. To accommodate K-2 students, two urinals would need to be lowered. Our staff can do this so it would be a minimal cost. Likewise, a water fountain would be lowered at a minimal cost by our staff. We estimate the cost of relocating desks, chairs, bookshelves and other items to be about \$5000. As it stands now, there are empty classrooms that would be available to new, elementary classes. The functional capacity definition of classroom sees us with 17 and the projected number of rooms should we have a K-8 is 18.

Obviously, there is some consideration required on how this accommodation could be made. If the elementary moved over, the middle school as it stands now would lose space and a variety of rooms used for activity and other special purposes. Likewise, space that is currently being rented out would not be available. Structurally, the rooms wouldn't require much change to welcome the elementary classes. Gym space allocation would be the responsibility of the school administration, through a

scheduling process. There is a very nice gym at the middle school. Although the 17-18 room scenario is something that requires consideration, a permanent addition may not be required. It may be that another room (not defined as a "classroom" under functional capacity terms) could be used or a team teaching scenario may be considered. Modular classrooms are often used to address a need for additional space. Gym modifications would include lowering the basketball nets for elementary use at a cost of approximately \$3600. We would need to explore further the idea of moving the gym unit from the elementary school to the high school. If safe to move, the administration and PE teaching staff would need to determine the desire and if it was decided to move it, our district staff could do so at a minimal cost. History says I should never "guarantee" anything in a move as there are times when things happen beyond our control. We would be fully committed to making the move as seamless and timely as possible. The middle school has one large soccer field and additional green space that could be used as a sports field, if required. At the elementary school, there is one large play structure, two metal climbers, and 3 swing sets. The annual playground inspections will be carried out in the next few weeks and a determination will be made as to what may be able to be relocated and installed to meet today's CSA standards. While there is a cost associated with moving playground equipment or purchasing new equipment, it is unknown at this time. I will be preparing a Millville report, as well, however prepping the Middle School for the move of one elementary or two elementary is very much equivalent. The same analysis on the playground equipment at Millville would need to be done, although it is possible that the equipment would stay there if there was suitable equipment in place.

For a move from the middle school to the high school, we have looked at the following. The classroom assignments would still be the same, respecting the maximum class sizes as noted in the Teacher's Collective Agreement. For middle level classes, 1.2 FTE is assigned per classroom. We would expect 7 classrooms at middle level. The high school FTE is assigned based on a formula of 1.0 FTE per 12.4 students for the first 100 and 1.0 FTE per 19.7 students for the next 300. I don't anticipate classes that would be available to high school students due to a change in space. Those decisions are made on an annual basis by school administration, normally based on student request, teacher expertise and the prescribed curriculum. The projected enrolment would be 397 and there was a day when this many students attended the school. There is still much to be determined regarding renovations that are required at NHS, based on the damaged wing. There would not necessarily need to be classroom adjustments for middle school children attending a high school setting (compared to elementary moving to middle). The gym use would need to be scheduled by the school administration and the Phys Ed staff. We will always strive towards supporting schools in remaining effective...that is our key role.

The floor tiles in the elementary school are good...I have adjusted the capital improvement list on the power point and the Nackawic Elementary Infrastructure Summary.

If the elementary students were to move to the middle school, then I expect there would not be space to rent during the day, although the elementary school would be declared as surplus and government would decide what to do with this asset. The same scenario exists if the ML were to go to the HS. Having said this, after school rentals and community gym space use would continue (assuming this

his happening now).

You have now seen that the date for Public Meeting #2 is December 15.

DMcT

**David McTimoney** 2 months ago

Three pages from the Power Point Presentation (Public Meeting #1) have been adjusted. On Page 15, I adjusted the opening line to indicate that this FTE is how the schools are staffed for this year. The provincial funding formula would have revealed slightly different numbers. On Page 25, I added some revised numbers for projections (based on enrolment that has changed since I created the PP) as well as the functional capacity. I had accidentally used the number 18 as the number of classrooms instead of 17. 18 is the number of homerooms we would expect in a K-8 school and 17 is the number of classrooms that have been defined as "classrooms" in the functional capacity formula. On Page 46, I indicated that the retiling of floors is no longer required in the capital improvement project list, which reduced the final amount to \$280 000 (from \$295 000).

DMcT

**David McTimoney** 2 months ago

At this point, there is nothing further to report regarding the 6-8 weeks out of the classrooms/wing. However, the province has had structural engineers look at the wing and there is some debate on what next steps should be...should it be repaired or should it be torn down. We did a space utilization study this week and are meeting with officials from EECD (today, actually) to discuss this further. When we are confident about next steps, it will be shared. We have two Public DEC meetings left prior to Christmas. November 26 will be in Woodstock and December 17 will be in Fredericton. The agendas are posted on the website under the DEC tab, usually a week in advance. Minutes get posted the following month, after being formally approved by Council. My best guess is that Nackawic will be discussed in November, although the agenda has not been created yet.

DMcT

**Jeanette** 3 months ago

I would like to thank the DEC members for changing the date on the second meeting. After listening to the audio of the DEC meeting held, I now understand that you look at the portal and reflect on items that are concerning to stakeholders.

**David McTimoney** 3 months ago

At tonight's Public DEC meeting (October 29) it was acknowledged by Council that there are further considerations to account for with the Nackawic High School wing that is currently damaged and not available for use. There are four classrooms in this wing. ASD-W is going to be working with EECD and DTI (Education and Transportation/Infrastructure as provincial departments) in trying to determine the future of this wing. To allow time for a more clear picture, the DEC has decided to postpone the November 24th Public Meeting #2 in Nackawic to Tuesday, December 15. I will write to parents on Friday or Monday (at the latest) and post the letter to this site. I have made some

progress on the "What-If" report...I have some staffing data, some global budget data and some facilities data. Now I need to take the time to pull it all together for the anticipated report. I hope to have this completed next week. The rescheduling of the meeting gives all of us a bit more breathing room, but I won't abandon it altogether...I want to get it done ASAP.

DMcT

**Jeanette** · 3 months ago

What actually do you mean by "trying to determine the future of the wing"? I believe the last piece of information that went out was that the repairs would take 6 - 8 weeks to complete? Also Can I ask that if Nackawic is going to be discussed at a DEC meeting, can you please post on this site or advise PSSC Chairs or some one as we would like to obtain that information as well first hand and could be present for any assistance if desired by the DEC. As I am guessing you can appreciate, visiting on the websites and keeping up has been time-consuming for PSSC members, parents, etc.

**David McTimoney** · 3 months ago

I will update the site with the risk priority for the capital improvement projects listed. I hope to have that information as soon as possible.

**Jeanette** · 3 months ago

David,

Could you also add the report for capital improvement with the "risk priority" for each school please. Thanks Jeanette

**David McTimoney** · 3 months ago

I have Facilities Staff visiting Nackawic next week to gather information based on some of the requests below. Some other points I can comment on now.

If NES were to move to NMS, there shouldn't be an impact with respect to lockers. There would be the installation of hooks, etc. and we have experience with that from Bath. Our Facilities Staff will update me further on this. We will also be able to pull from our experience in Bath when we look at changes to bathrooms, fountains and classrooms...again, more to come. Sharing of gym space would fall to the school administration as they prepare timetables/schedules. We need to look closely at space and the number of classrooms as a part of the study. If a move was made, a list of corresponding actions would be developed and we would work through them...I am not sure what people may be looking for in a guarantee.

The playground equipment is among the items being explored by staff next week. As I build reports, I will also take into account a "what-if" for Millville.

For NMS to NHS as a "what-if", classroom configurations would be examined carefully. The four damaged classrooms situation also needs to be a factor in the reflections made in the study. This falls under the renovation considerations.

Facilities staff is going to report back on the floors.

Community Use of Schools (rentals) is a positive aspect of our system. We would continue with the community use of schools as space and availability presents.



I will continue working on the Nackawic Study this weekend and throughout the next week.  
DMcT

**Jeanette** 3 months ago

Thank you David for this update and timeline of items that you are reviewing. As mentioned in my first post, this is going to impact our time for review and complete presentations. Are you able to elaborate on how we would be able to address the DEC on the consideration of moving the next meeting date?

**David McTimoney** 3 months ago

I have read your posting and will respond in the days ahead. I will try to work through each of your inquiries...some I have quick answers to and some will require a bit of research. I am trying to get as much done as possible and as quickly as possible...there is much to do with 4 studies and all of the other duties of the district. The DEC would need to make the final determination for the November Public Meeting to be moved.

DMcT

**Jeanette** 3 months ago

Thanks David. I will advise all members to continue to watch for updates here.

**Jeanette** 3 months ago

Hello David,

I have returned to check the site on several occasions awaiting the information on cost of items needed for the "What If" scenarios.

NES TO MOVE TO NMS (K-8)

Removal of lockers

Installment of hooks etc

How the bathroom and fountains will be changed to accommodate K-2

Cost of relocation of desk, chair, bookshelves, library and other items from NMS

What would need to change at NMS (rooms) to accommodate K-5? What would no longer be available that is now to the current students at NMS?

How would gym space be divided among kids?

Would an addition be needed? You outlined in your presentation that there is not enough classrooms at present? What is the solution?

Would the gym be modified and would the attached unit in the gym at NES be moved? Cost if it is?

If a decision was made, would these items be "Guaranteed" to be completed?

How would the reduction to 1 soccer field be addressed?

I had also asked for cost of playground equipment being moved and what could not be moved. I understand that this report may be a couple more weeks but a couple more weeks in the next meeting... Concerned about this fact.

Also in addition to this... Would all of these items need to be reported in a separate report to show if Millville school would close also? As well as the costs that would present itself with relocation of playground equipment?

NMS TO NHS (6 - 12)

How do you do the configuration of how many classrooms are needed when dealing with 6-8 that goes by classroom and 9-12 that goes by student? In this calculation is there any consideration to classes currently offered and which ones may not be available due to reduced space? If so, details on what they would be?

What renovations would need to be completed to have 6-12 at NHS?

How would gym use be calculated to meet requirements and give NHS the ability to keep there electives in place that are currently available?

Again what work is "Guaranteed" to be done to ensure that schools remain effective?

I understand that we have not discussed previously the NMS TO NHS but wanted to include it as this is imperative information for our community and parents to make informed decisions and to ensure that all data is provided.

I have also noticed that the comment listed below has not been updated to show the condition on the floor tiles. Can you confirm what the results of your review was?

Another concern is the people that use our schools for rentals? Can they be accommodated if one school was to close? They play a very active role in providing outside activities an opportunity for our children and would need to be considered.

It has now been 21 days since the first meeting and we are less than 5 weeks away from meeting #2 in which this data is needed for review for PSSC of three schools and other parties for preparation and completion of presentation. With this clustering of schools it has now made the work load three times harder and more time needed by a large group of people. We need this information very soon as you can appreciate.

I understand your last couple of weeks have been busy with other sustainability studies but feel this information is essential to the outcome of our schools and wanted to ensure that when it arrives on the portal that I would be advised.

One last comment, if this information is unable to be completed within a short time, can we request the DEC to have our public meeting date changed?

Thank you again for your time and your information in advance.

**Jeanette** • 4 months ago

Thank you David

**David McTimoney** 4 months ago

The presentation from September 29 has been posted to this site; we made a few adjustments / corrections. Page 22...we double checked the numbers and made a few corrections as well as added some current data for this school year for NES and NMS. Page 23...I noted the Skilled Trades area at NMS and we also tried to make the slide look more presentable. Page 40...you may have noticed that I paused when I mentioned the lift that was documented at NES; indeed, there is a lift as the school goes down a few steps at one part of the building. I also removed a statement that commented on the condition of exterior doors...it was noted elsewhere that they are in good condition. Page 45...the site improvement should indicate the bus zone in conjunction with the parent drop off zone...I have fixed this. I also noted that we are going to review the floor tile project...it may have been completed through routine maintenance and, if so and in good condition, could come off the list. Page 73...I added the statement about Keswick Valley Memorial School and the concept of catchment area in comparison with Leo Hayes High School. Page 99...I made a note about the Sisson Brook. These last two points were brought to my attention in conversations before the meeting and I thought were good points to add.

I hope you find the information useful.

DMcT

**Jenn Brown** 4 months ago

Good morning,

thank you for the presentation last evening, it was informative and helpful to have laid out the process and the type of information the DEC requires to make such an important decision.

However, after last night's meeting, I was left wondering about something that seemed to be missing from the presentation. There was one slide that showed us the impact of Millville closing and what the implications of those students merging into a K-8 would be but there was no information on what the impact of Millville closing would have on the present elementary school. Are those figures available?

does the inclusion/exclusion of this information suggest a particular bias of the school board to one of the options presented?

Thank you,

Jenn Brown

**Jeanette** • 4 months ago

Good Morning David, Thank you for the information last night. I was wondering if you could restate the thoughts around percentage for functional capacity.

You gave under 60 %, 60%-80%, 80% or higher I believe as the percentage but I was looking for what the district feels is a optimal percentage. Thank you

**Jonathan Stone • 4 months ago**

Thank you for holding the information session tonight. A decision like this obviously requires due diligence, and it was great to see such a wonderful turnout. I appreciated hearing leaders from AV Nackawic provide input as they are a key stakeholder in this community's future. I have 2 quick questions pertaining to the Functional Capacity figures: 1. Are all schools in the district subject to identical considerations when calculating this figure? (Important to compare apples to apples.) 2. For how many years does a school need to fall below the acceptable Functional Capacity threshold before triggering a sustainability study? Is this triggered after a pattern of several years of lower capacities, or after just one year? Thank you...Jonathan Stone