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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **July 13, 2009**
FROM: **General Manager, Planning and Development** FILE: **0510-01**
SUBJECT: **Surrey School District Eligible School Sites Proposal 2009 - 2018**

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Department recommends that Council receive this report as information.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council on the Surrey School District's Eligible School Sites Proposal 2009 - 2018.

BACKGROUND

Each year, all school districts in BC are required to submit a five-year capital plan, including an estimate of the number, location and cost of proposed new school sites, to the Provincial Ministry of Education. This is known as the Eligible School Sites Proposal. The Ministry reviews and approves the capital plan, including the Eligible School Sites Proposal, as the basis for the funding new schools in each District. The *Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323, as amended*, requires that, prior to forwarding the Eligible School Sites Proposal to the Ministry, the School District advise the City and request Council to either:

- pass a resolution to accept the School District's resolution regarding the Eligible School Sites Proposal; or
- respond in writing to the School District indicating that it does not accept the Eligible School Sites Proposal, documenting the reasons for the objection.

In preparing the School District capital plan, the School District utilizes the City's residential growth projections to calculate the number, size and location of new schools that will be required over the next 10 years. The School District then estimates the costs for land acquisition, development and other capital requirements for each new school.

On May 14, 2009, the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 36, approved a resolution to incorporate the 2009 – 2018 Eligible School Sites Proposal into the School District's submission to the Ministry of Education (see Appendix I)

Pursuant to Section 937.4(6) of the *Local Government Act*, the City must consider the School District's resolution at a regular council meeting and within 60 days of receiving the request:

- 937.4(6) (a) *pass a resolution accepting the school board's resolution of proposed eligible school site requirements for the school district, or*
- (b) *respond in writing to the school board indicating that it does not accept the school board's proposed school site requirements for the school district and indicating*
- (i) *each proposed eligible school site requirement to which it objects, and*
- (ii) *the reasons for the objection.*

According to legislation, if the City fails to respond within 60 days of receiving such a request, it is deemed to have agreed to the proposed eligible school site requirements for the School District as set out in the School Board's resolution.

DISCUSSION

Surrey School District Resolution - Eligible School Sites Proposal

The School District's Eligible School Sites Proposal 2009 - 2018 documents the projected growth in the number of school-aged children that will occur over the next 10 years in the City, the number of new schools that will be needed to accommodate this growth, the general location and area of land required for each new school and the acquisition costs for the school sites, including servicing. The School District utilizes the City's residential growth projections as the basis for projecting the growth in student population and the allocation of this growth geographically across the City to establish where and when additional school capacity will be required.

The Eligible School Sites Proposal 2009 - 2018 has been based on the following:

- New residential development estimated at 43,532 housing units (including Surrey and White Rock) over the next 10 years;
- An increase of 10,927 in population of school-aged children in Surrey School District No. 36 over the next 10 years;
- That the new student population will require six new school sites and two school expansions over the next 10 years; and
- That the new/expanded school sites will be purchased within 10 years and, at current serviced land prices, will cost approximately \$48.2 million.

Land acquisition and site servicing cost estimates were reviewed and updated by the Surrey School Board in April 2009.

It is important to note that a portion of future enrolment growth will be accommodated on sites previously purchased by the School District and by utilizing capacity available at existing facilities.

City staff has determined that the School District's calculations for growth in student population and the related demand for and proposed location of new schools/sites are generally consistent with the City of Surrey's residential growth estimates for the 10-year period from 2009 - 2018. As shown in Schedule B of Appendix I, there are five new elementary schools and one secondary school that have been included in the Proposal, in addition to two school site expansions.

School Site Acquisition Charge (SSAC)

The SSAC regulation is established through the authority of Sections 937.2 and 937.91 of the *Local Government Act*. The regulation came into effect on January 28, 2000. The *Local Government Act* empowers School Districts to adopt a by-law establishing SSACs that are to be paid by each new dwelling unit in new residential development within the particular jurisdiction. The rates are calculated to provide revenues to cover 35% of the acquisition costs and servicing costs for new school sites required within that jurisdiction over a 10-year period. As required under legislation, the City of Surrey collects the SSAC on behalf of the School District and remits these charges to the School District each year.

On January 11, 2007, the Board of School Trustees of School District No. 36 passed By-law No. 101B, - School Site Acquisition Charge Amendment By-law. The adoption of By-law No. 101B resulted in an increase in SSACs, which came into effect on March 12, 2007. The SSACs applicable to residential development in Surrey have previously reached the maximum allowed by the Provincial School Site Regulations, pursuant to the *Local Government Act*. As such, there will be no increase in the SSACs in 2009 as a result of the Eligible School Sites Proposal 2009-2018. The following table documents the current rates applicable to residential development in Surrey.

Prescribed Category of Eligible Development (BC Regulation 17/00)	School Site Acquisition Charge Rates <i>(The SSAC rate is capped at maximum allowed pursuant to Provincial regulations)</i>
Low Density (<21 units / ha.)	\$1,000 per unit
Medium Low (21-50 units / ha)	\$900 per unit
Medium (51 -125 units / ha)	\$800 per unit
Medium High (126-200 units / ha)	\$700 per unit
High Density (>200 units / ha)	\$600 per unit

Council Position on SSAC

Surrey Council has voiced concerns with the introduction of the SSAC legislation for a variety of reasons and has also voiced concerns that the SSAC legislation is not applied equitably across all School Districts in the Province. Council has also requested that the Minister of Education take action to ensure that the SSACs are calculated and applied in a uniform manner across the Province. Due to these concerns, in considering Eligible School Sites Proposals from the School District in previous years, Council has simply received the Proposal without passing a resolution to accept the Proposal. By taking such action to simply receive this information from the School District, Council has not implied that it was endorsing the concept of SSACs and accepting the current proposal for setting of SSACs.

Council is not required to provide a resolution back to the School District on the Eligible School Sites Proposal. However, according to legislation, if the City fails to respond within 60 days of receiving the School Board resolution regarding the Proposal the City is deemed to have agreed to the Eligible School Sites Proposal as set out in the School Board's resolution.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above, even though the Eligible School Sites Proposal 2009 – 2018 is consistent with established methods for planning the school enrolment and related school sites and with the City of Surrey's residential growth projections, it is recommended that Council receive this report as information and not provide a response to the School District regarding the Eligible School Sites Proposal.

Original signed by
Jean Lamontagne
General Manager,
Planning and Development

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Attachment:

Appendix I – Eligible School Sites Proposal 2009 - 2013



School District 36 (Surrey)

Secretary-Treasurer's Office

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File No. 3100-02

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Mr. Murray Dinwoodie
City Manager
City of Surrey
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, BC V3X 3A2

Dear Mr. Dinwoodie:

Re: Eligible School Site Proposal

Please be advised that at its public meeting of 2009-05-14 the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) approved the Eligible School Site Proposal incorporated into the 2009-2013 Five Year Capital Plan. As you are aware, the Eligible School Site Proposal is a required component of the capital plan submission, which the School Board must approve annually and referred to local governments in the District for acceptance pursuant to the *Local Government Act*. Please find attached the certified resolution of the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) for acceptance by City Council. A copy of the Administrative Memorandum considered by the Board is also attached for your reference.

The eligible school site proposal for the 2009-2013 Five Year Capital Plan indicates the following:

- Based on information from local government, the Board of Education of School District No.36 (Surrey) estimates that there will be 43,532 development units constructed in the school district over the next 10 years (Schedule 'A' – Table 1 & 2); and
- These 43,532 new development units will be home to an estimated 10,927 age children (Schedule 'A' – Table 3); and
- The School Board expects 6 new school sites and 2 site expansions, over the ten-year period, will be required as the result of this growth in the school district and the site acquisitions will be located as presented in Schedule 'B'; and

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- According to Ministry of Education site standards presented in Schedule 'B' the sites will require 22 hectares of land. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$48.2 million; and

The School Board also amended its 5 year capital plan to ensure eligibility for Provincial funding for the proposed new school sites.

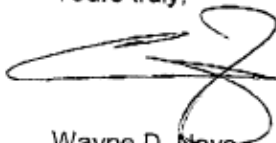
Pursuant to the *Education Statutes Act*, local governments have 60 days to either:

1. *Pass a resolution accepting the proposed eligible school site requirements for the school district;*
2. *Respond in writing to the school board indicating that it does not accept the school board's proposed site requirements for the school district and indicating*
 - *Each proposed school site to which it objects;*
 - *The reason for the objection.*

If no response is received within 60 days the legislation states that the local government will have been deemed to accept the proposal. Please place the resolution on your Council's agenda to meet this timeline.

Please feel free to contact this office through Mr. Umur Olcay, Manager of Facilities and Demographics Planning, by telephone at 604-592-4295 or by email at olcay_u@sd36.bc.ca should you require any further information.

Yours truly,



Wayne D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosures (2)

cc: Umur Olcay, Manager, Facilities & Demographics Planning
Stuart Jones, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Department, City of Surrey
Hugh Kellas, Manager, Metro Vancouver

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School District No.36 (Surrey)

Excerpt from the 2009-05-14 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

"Eligible School Sites Proposal – 2009-2013 Capital Plan

It was moved by Trustee Glass, seconded by Trustee Allen:

THAT WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) has consulted with the City of Surrey and the City of White Rock on these matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT based on information from local government, the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) estimates that there will be 43,532 development units constructed in the school district over the next 10 years (Schedule 'A' – Table 1 & 2); and

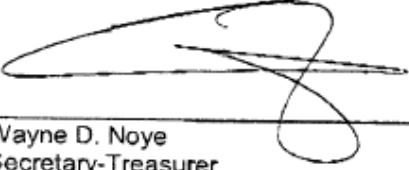
THAT these 43,532 new development units will be home to an estimated 10,927 school age children (Schedule 'A' – Table 3); and

THAT the Board of Education expects 6 new school sites and 2 site expansions, over the ten-year period, will be required as a result of this growth in the school district and the site acquisitions will be located as presented in Schedule 'B'; and

THAT according to Ministry of Education site standards presented in Schedule 'B' the sites will require 22 hectares of land. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$48.2 million; and

THAT the Eligible School Sites Proposal as adjusted be incorporated into the Five Year Capital Plan, 2009-2013, and submitted to the Ministry of Education.
CARRIED"

This is a certified copy of an excerpt of the minutes for the 2009-05-14 Regular Board meeting of the Board of School Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey).



Wayne D. Noye
Secretary-Treasurer

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
of
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (SURREY)**

Schedule 3(e)

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM
(Regular)**

MEETING DATE: 2009-05-14

**TOPIC: ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SITES PROPOSAL -
2009-2013 CAPITAL PLAN**

The Eligible School Site Proposal is a required component of the Capital Plan submission, which must be passed annually by Board resolution and referred to local governments in the District for acceptance pursuant to the *Local Government Act*.

The Eligible School Site Proposal involves extensive consultation with the City of Surrey and the City of White Rock. Both municipalities provide revised 10-year projections for residential development consistent with their Official Community Plans, Regional Context Statements and Neighbourhood Concept Plans. Based on that work, the information provided by City staff was used to project number of eligible school age children which would be generated by the growth and to estimate the number of eligible school site requirements for the School District, including approximate number, location and cost of school sites proposed to be included in the 2009-2013 Capital Plan.

It is noted that the Ministry of Education has so far approved 13 eligible school site acquisitions since the inception of the Eligible School Site Proposal process in 2001. Site acquisition projects that have received funding approval (for capital plan years 2001 through 2010) are not included in the 2009-2013 Eligible School Site Proposal.

Appraisals have been conducted, to estimate the cost increase of off site work for future school sites (Coastland Engineering & Surveying Ltd.) and to provide a time adjusted market analysis of the bare land cost of school sites (Carmichael and Wilson Land Appraisers). These appraisals, together with recent appraisals used for acquisition of approved sites, were used to calculate revised bare land and serviced cost of land estimates for future eligible school sites, included in Schedule B.

It is noted that the estimated serviced cost of land for the proposed school sites on the list has been reduced by approximately 17% from the previous year. This reduction to the market cost of serviced land does not require a reduction in the school site acquisition charge (SSAC) bylaw rate applied to new development units, based on calculations consistent with Provincial School Site Acquisition Charge Regulations. The SSAC bylaw rate is currently set at maximum allowed by the Local Government Act and Provincial Regulations.

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SCHEDULE: 3(e)

TOPIC: ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SITES PROPOSAL -
2009-2013 CAPITAL PLAN

The following information has been considered:

1. The Eligible School Site Proposal projections have been discussed with planning department staff for the City of Surrey and the City of White Rock, who have provided updated growth projections for the period 2009 to 2018 based on the latest demographic data and market trends for housing (See Schedule 'A' – Table A-2).
2. A projection of the number of children of school age, as defined in the *School Act*, that will be added to the school district as the result of the projected eligible development units for the period 2009 to 2018 has been revised based on the new projections provided by the City of Surrey and the City of White Rock (Schedule 'A' – Table A-3).
3. The approximate size and the number of school sites required to accommodate the number of children projected under paragraph (2). (Schedule 'B').
4. The approximate location and value of school sites referred to in paragraph (3). (see Schedule 'B').

The following motion is recommended:

THAT WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District No.36 (Surrey) has consulted with the City of Surrey and the City of White Rock on these matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT based on information from local government, the Board of Education of School District No.36 (Surrey) estimates that there will be 43,532 development units constructed in the school district over the next 10 years (Schedule 'A' – Table 1 & 2); and

THAT these 43,532 new development units will be home to an estimated 10,927 school age children (Schedule 'A' – Table 3); and

THAT the Board of Education expects 6 new school sites and 2 site expansions, over the ten-year period, will be required as the result of this growth in the school district and the site acquisitions will be located as presented in Schedule 'B'; and

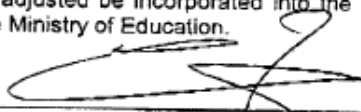
THAT according to Ministry of Education site standards presented in Schedule 'B' the sites will require 22 hectares of land. These sites should be purchased within ten years and, at current serviced land costs, the land will cost approximately \$48.2 million; and

THAT the Eligible School Sites Proposal as adjusted be incorporated into the Five Year Capital Plan, 2009-2013, and submitted to the Ministry of Education.

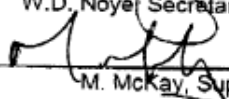
Enclosures:

Submitted by:

Approved by:



 W.D. Noye, Secretary-Treasurer



 M. McKay, Superintendent

2009-2013 Facility Capital Budget Eligible School Site Proposal



SCHEDULE 'B' Capital Projects Requiring New Sites

Table 4: ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SITES (General Location, Size and Serviced Land Cost)

School Site #	Discovery #074	#177	#184	#206	#208	#216	#209	#105	TOTALS
<i>Basic of Costs</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Estimate</i>
Type of Project	Expansion	New	New	New	New	New	New	Site Expansion	
Grade Level	Elementary	Secondary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Elementary	Secondary	
Approximate Location	Whalley area	Grandview	Clayton N.	Grandview S.	Grandview Cntr.	Clayton NE	Clayton Area	Earl Marriott	
Existing Capacity	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	200
Long Term Capacity	500	1,600	500	500	500	500	500	1,500	6,000
Increase in Capacity	300	1,600	500	500	500	500	500	-	4,300
Standard Site Size (ha)	2.7	6.3	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	6.3	28.80
Existing Site Area (ha)	1.99	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.4	6
Size of New Site (ha)	0.71	6.3	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	1.1	22
Bare Land Cost/ha	\$ 3,380,282	\$ 2,301,587	\$ 1,074,074	\$ 2,298,298	\$ 2,298,298	\$ 1,148,148	\$ 1,148,148	\$ 2,909,091	\$ 1,825,035
Seviced cost/ha	\$ 4,368,197	\$ 2,444,444	\$ 1,407,407	\$ 2,629,630	\$ 2,629,630	\$ 1,481,481	\$ 1,481,481	\$ 3,363,636	\$ 2,230,449
Serviced Land Cost	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 15,400,000	\$ 3,800,000	\$ 7,100,000	\$ 7,100,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 3,700,000	\$48,200,000
Bare Land Cost	\$ 2,400,000	\$ 14,500,000	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 6,200,000	\$ 6,200,000	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$41,600,000
Cost of servicing land	\$ 700,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 500,000	\$6,600,000

Total remaining acquisition sites = 8 (including 2 expansions of existing school sites and 6 new school site acquisitions)
 Eligible School Sites which received Ministry funding approval for capital plan years 2001 to 2010 are not included in the above table.
 Proposed sites to be included in the 2009-2013 Five Year Capital are for approval in 2011 to 2013 (years 3, 4 and 5).

Date of valuation: April 7, 2009.