

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUSINESS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
ACTION SHEET

DATE: June 8, 2022
TO: Business Committee
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: LRFP – Ladysmith Consultation

Recommendation:

The Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) direct staff to initiate a consultation process with respect to addressing capacity issues with potentially impacted communities in Ladysmith and report back to the Board with recommendations and next steps for the Board to consider.

Background:

Following the adoption of the Long Range Facilities Plan by the Board in Spring of 2021, a Ladysmith focused subcommittee of the LRFP Advisory Committee was created. The committee was tasked with discussing a variety of Ladysmith specific issues and providing recommendations to address them. The focus was on creating a plan to address capacity and seismic issues as the Board advocated for Ministry of Education support to upgrade (and or replace) Ladysmith Intermediate. "[Ensuring Capacity and Safety – Consultation on Ladysmith and North Oyster Schools](#)" is the outcome of those discussions.

Discussion:

In March of this year, the Board received notice of Ministry of Education and Child Care support to seismically upgrade Ladysmith Intermediate. The timing of the support was well received given the work of the Sub-Committee. The implication of Ministry of Education and Child Care support is that the District, working with our partners at the Ministry, are required to create a concept plan. The concept plan will be based directly on the result of the consultation being proposed in the linked document. The document includes 3 scenarios to be considered. It should be noted that other ideas may be brought forward.

While staff acknowledge that consultation over the summer is not ideal, there is a desire to proceed in earnest to complete the plan so that we can work with the Ministry to get formal approval for the plan. As the document will illustrate there are a number of potential significant changes that could completely alter the District's provision of primary education in Ladysmith and North Oyster.

We are hopeful that the consultation will result in a plan that will reflect the aspirations of the community, address seismic safety, future growth and provide modern purpose built learning spaces for the community that we serve.

Attachment: ["Ensuring Capacity and Safety – Consultation on Ladysmith and North Oyster Schools"](#)