



NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION SHEET

DATE: June 26, 2024
TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Amendment to Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD68-02

Recommendation:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the amendment to Capital Bylaw No. 2024/25-CPSD68-01 to read Capital Bylaw No. Capital Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD68-02, reflecting the Ministry of Education and Child Care's amendment to the Annual Programs Funding Agreement.

Background:

The Ministry of Education and Child Care has agreed to fund the purchase of a bus to provide, what is to the Ministry, a new route to service Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh School (QQS). Currently the route is provided utilizing a bus owned by Snuneymuxw First Nation that the District operates and maintains.

Qwam Qwum Stuwixwulh School is located at 1390 Stuywut Street, Nanaimo, on the land of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. Co-governing with the Nanaimo-Ladysmith School District (NLPS), the school offers education for indigenous and non-indigenous students up to grade 7, who live throughout the school district area. NLPS has been providing bus transportation service to many of the students using district staff and utilizing a school bus that belongs to the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

As the existing bus is approaching replacement criteria the district requested a new bus for a 'new' route via the capital plan request process. This request was approved for the 24/25 capital plan year via a revised response letter attached and dated May 31, 2024. This new bus will now be owned by the District and will be eligible to be replaced in the future according to Ministry criteria.

The approval is for a Type "C" school bus. The ministry indicated that they approve the purchase of an Electric Bus at no additional cost to the board, meaning that rebates, grants and Ministry funding will cover all the costs. This bus will utilize the last charging port available in the yard and the board recently approved the capital plan to request an infrastructure upgrade to provide capacity for an additional 10 busses.

To obtain this funding the district must complete the Minor Capital Plan amendment process. The first step of this process was completed in April 2024, when the Board approved the amendments to the proposed five-year Minor Capital Plan for 24/25 submission. The Ministry has now provided us with an amended Capital Plan Response Letter and Annual Program Funding Agreement, copies of which are attached. The next step in this process is for the Board to approve the amendment to the Bylaw. Once approved by the Board, it will be forwarded to the Ministry for final approval and will allow the District to draw funds for incurred project expenses.

Appendices:

- Appendix A: April 10, 2024 Action Sheet
- Appendix B: Capital Plan Response Letter – Amended May 31, 2024
- Appendix C: Capital Plan Agreement – Amended May 31, 2024
- Appendix D: Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2023/24-CPSD68-02 – as amended

