

**NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUSINESS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
INFORMATION SHEET**

DATE: November 13, 2024
TO: Business Committee
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer, Gillian Robinson, Executive Director of
Communications and Privacy
SUBJECT: Rutherford Re-Opening – Catchment Boundary Minor Review

Recommendation:

The Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the recommended minor catchment boundary changes as shown below in this Action Sheet.

Background:

On May 15, 2024, the Board passed the following motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve in principle the Rutherford Working Group's reopening plan recommendations (the "Recommendations") including the redrawn boundaries and transfer of students in the newly created Rutherford and Frank J. Ney boundaries and send the Recommendations to the community for consultation with final approval in the fall of 2024.

On September 25, 2024 the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approved the 11 recommendations for the re-opening of Rutherford Elementary including the redrawn boundaries and transfer of students in the newly created Rutherford and Frank J. Ney boundaries. The Board directed staff to review minor catchment changes and report back to the Board in November 2025 with changes as appropriate.

Discussion:

Staff reviewed catchment boundary anomalies and addresses where distance to the new catchment school increased significantly (apart from Glen Oaks and Oakridge neighbourhoods which will be served by a bus route to Frank J. Ney). As a result:

- Somerside Place- The proposed catchment boundary divided this cul-de-sac down the middle-half McGirr and half Rutherford. Decision: Entire cul-de-sac will remain in McGirr catchment.

- Cosgrove Crescent- The northeast section of Cosgrove Crescent/Stafforshire Terrace was proposed to move from Departure Bay to Cilaire catchment creating a longer (approx. 1km) commute. Decision: Cosgrove/Stafforshire/Oxford Pl and Glenayr Drive which are situated north of Lynburn Crescent as well as Doctors Road and Departure Bay Road north of Strongingtharm and Randle Road and Battersea Road return to Departure Bay Elementary catchment.

