

**SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING**

ACTION SHEET

DATE: May 19, 2021
TO: Business Committee
FROM: Secretary-Treasurer Mark Walsh
SUBJECT: Long Range Facilities Plan

Recommendation

The Business Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve and adopt the Long Range Facilities Plan and that a Long Range Facilities Plan Advisory Committee be struck.

Background:

Over the last year the Board has engaged in the process of creating the [Long Range Facilities Plan](#) (the “LRFP”). The most recent update was provided to the Board at the April 2021 Business Committee meeting and May 5, 2021 Board working session. Staff is recommending the final passage of the LRFP so that staff, and in the case of policy, the Board can begin to implement its recommendations beginning with the June submission of the 2022-23 capital plan.

Discussion:

The LRFP is largely in the same form as when the document was out for public consultation. However, there are a number of changes to note.

1. In finalizing some of the documents in consultation with our enrollment consultants, the numbers of students in our secondary schools in 2031 has been reduced somewhat. We determined that the student production values in new build single family dwellings should be addressed in a slightly more conservative manner. This has not alleviated the projected over population in the north end of the District but has somewhat alleviated the issue from NDSS to Ladysmith. The change will not impact any of the recommendations. Please note that the LRFP document will be updated prior to the business committee meeting but not at the time of publishing the agenda.
2. Based on Board feedback, we have added a new recommendation, now Recommendation 24. This addition reflects the Board’s commitment to partnerships with community partners in addition to our municipal and regional jurisdictions and the land and community based First Nations in our region.
3. Based on Board feedback, we have made recommendation 21 clear that when catchment changes are considered that a value influencing such a decision will include walkable neighbourhoods. It also reflects a broader commitment to active transportation options.

4. Based on Board feedback we have amended the rationale to recommendation 34 with respect to the LRFP committee. We have attempted to make the functioning of the committee and the timelines for decision making and reporting to the Board clearer.
5. Based on Board feedback the rationale of recommendation 33 has been redrafted to make the benefits of the proposed recommendations clearer.
6. Based on Board and partner feedback we have amended recommendation 13 to specifically reference the Board's commitment to work with the Town of Ladysmith in our planning.

Staff is recommending that the Board pass the LRFP. For the purposes of debate this evening, we are recommending that if trustees want individual additions, deletions or edits that they should make a motion to address a specific motion. The process would be as follows:

1. Staff reviews the draft LRFP and the Committee members ask any questions;
2. The motion to pass the LRFP is made and seconded;
3. A trustee moves to amend the LRFP in the specific section through addition/deletion/edit and seeks a seconder;
4. The amendment is debated and voted on;
5. A trustee moves to amend the LRFP in a different section;
6. The final amended LRFP is voted on;
7. The LRFP Committee is formed (if supported by the Board) and work begins.

Minor edits should not require motion.

Staff would also note that in the event major changes are contemplated, the Board would be advised to continue the consultation process.

