

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
CORPORATE REPORT



**DATE:** October 25, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Greg Newman, Acting Director, Planning and Development Services

**SUBJECT:** Surrey Schools, Eligible School Site Proposal

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**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council pass a resolution endorsing the Eligible School Sites Proposal – 2022/2023 Capital Plan as presented by the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey).

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The City of White Rock has been advised by the Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) (the ‘District’) of proposed school site acquisitions, and one school expansion, necessary to support continued growth in the area. The District’s “Eligible School Site Proposal” provides a forecast of population change over the next decade and recommends that, to support a growing number of school-aged children, seven school sites be acquired, and one school expansion be undertaken. The serviced land cost for the acquisition of school sites is estimated at approximately \$285M. All proposed school sites, and the one school proposed for expansion, are in the City of Surrey.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION**

Not Applicable.

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

The Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) (the ‘District’) has advised the City of White Rock of proposed school site acquisitions, and one planned school expansion, necessary to support growth over the next ten years. The “Eligible School Site Proposal” is a required component of the District’s annual capital plan referred to local governments pursuant to the *Local Government Act*. Appendix A includes correspondence received from the School District as it relates to this matter. The correspondence includes housing projections provided by planning staff at the City of Surrey and the City of White Rock. These projections have been used by the District to forecast the number of school-aged children anticipated within its catchment area. Appendix B to this report includes a map illustrating the District’s 2021-2022 Boundary Catchment. To accommodate the anticipated growth in school-aged children the District is proposing seven new school sites and one school expansion; the serviced land cost associated with the school site acquisition is \$285,370,000. All the proposed sites are in the City of Surrey.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable.

### **COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable.

### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

Not Applicable.

### **IMPLICATIONS FOR TREE PRESERVATION AND TREE CANOPY ENHANCEMENT**

Not Applicable.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The proposed school site acquisition and school expansion proposed by the District will help ensure that increases in the number of school-aged children are adequately managed over the next decade. The proper planning of school sites will also help to ensure that classrooms are not overloaded and that children are able to attend schools situated in proximity to their place of residence. Council has placed a priority on creating a City where all citizens are provided a high quality of life. The proactive management of school resources will aid in this objective.

### **OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES**

Staff are recommending that Council pass a resolution endorsing the Eligible School Site Proposal as presented by the District. Alternatives to this recommendation Council could:

1. Respond in writing to the District indicating that it does not accept the Eligible School Site Proposal as presented by the District and indicating:
  - Each proposed school site to which it objects; and
  - The reason for the objection.
2. Abstain from passing a resolution or writing to the school board recognizing that failure to do so within 60 days of the receipt of the letter, dated October 1, 2021 will be deemed to be an acceptance of the proposal.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) (the ‘District’) has provided the City of White Rock with proposed school site acquisition and expansion necessary to support growth over the next decade. City staff are supportive of the “Eligible School Site Proposal” as presented by the District and recommend that Council pass a resolution endorsing the Proposal.

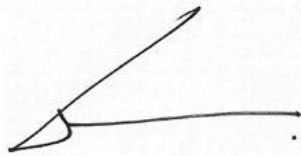
Respectfully submitted,

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Greg Newman, MCIP, RPP  
Acting Director, Planning and Development Services

## **Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer**

I concur with the recommendations of this corporate report.

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Guillermo Ferrero  
Chief Administrative Officer

Appendix A: Eligible School Site Proposal – Correspondence  
Appendix B: 2021-2022 Boundary Catchment