

PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee of the Peel District School Board. The hybrid meeting was held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 17:30 hours.

Members present:

Stan Cameron, Chair
Satpaul Singh Johal, Vice-Chair
Will Davies
Brad MacDonald

Members absent:

Karla Bailey
Jill Promoli

Administration:

Jaspal Gill, Chief Operating Officer and Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access
(Executive Member)
Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services
Wendy Dobson, Acting Controller, Corporate Support Services
Thomas Tsung, Controller, Facilities and Environmental Support Services

Lorelei Fernandes, Board Reporter

1. Call to Order

Chair Stan Cameron called the meeting to order at 17:30 hours.

2. Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee (Closed Session)

PB-24 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Committee move into the Closed Session (17:30 hours).

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The meeting recessed at 17:55 hours and reconvened into Open Session at 18:00 hours.

3. Rise and Report from Closed Session

PB-25 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the reports of the Closed Session re Former Lakeview Park Public School Heritage Designation Update; Procurement Activity Report for January and February 2024, and Britannia Farm Update, be received.

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4. Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

The video on the Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands was viewed.

5. Approval of Agenda

PB-26 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the agenda be approved.

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6. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

7. Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, February 7, 2024

PB-27 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Meeting, held February 7, 2024, be approved.

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8. Minutes of the Student Transportation of Peel Region, December 1, 2023

PB-28 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Governance Committee of the Student Transportation of Peel Region meeting, held December 1, 2023, be received.

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9. Evolving Impact to School Sites and School Design in Urban Areas

Suzanne Blakeman, Manager of Planning and Enrolment stated that the purpose of the report is to inform trustees of challenges that PDSB staff are facing when negotiating for school sites in urban areas due to density. She advised that the cost of land in densely urban areas such as Mississauga’s City Centre has recently been appraised at between \$10 and \$20 million an acre, and that developers are unwilling to give up any more land than is necessary to the Board as it affects their profit margins. Developers are asking school boards to move to podium schools, so-called because they would be built in the first three storeys of condominium towers. Referring to the report, she advised that Peel DSB does not support podium schools for reasons outlined in the report. Planning staff will continue to resist pressure to settle for podium schools and inadequately sized sites, and instead advocate for a more reasonable urban school design for 650 pupil places on a four-acre site.

Trustees supported the resistance to the podium school model and spoke in favour of having schools that have play space for children. In response to Chair Cameron’s query about Educational Development Charge (EDC) funds which can be used to purchase school sites, Jaspal Gill, Chief Operating Officer and Associate Director, Operations and Equity of Access, advised that the new EDC By-law will factor in rising cost of land for new school proposals coming forward next year. He added that Peel DSB will continue to demand that new schools be stand-alone models. Regarding a query on consideration of expropriation of land, it was clarified the Ministry approval is required. To a trustee’s question as to whether a Board motion to have only stand-alone schools in future would assist Planning staff in negotiations, Jaspal Gill indicated that trustees will be advised if the need arises.

PB-29 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the report re Evolving Impact to School Sites and School Design in Urban Areas, be received.

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10. Application Status Update

Zach Tessaro, Planning Officer, stated that the report includes the list of development applications for the months of February and March 2024. There were no development applications for January 2024.

PB-30 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the Application Status Update report, be received.

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11. Procurement Activity Report for January and February 2024

Controller of Corporate Support Services, Wendy Dobson, reviewed the report.

PB-31 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal
seconded by Brad MacDonald

Resolved, that the Procurement Activity Report for January and February 2024, be received.

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12. Vandalism Activity Report – December 2023 and January 2024

Controller Dobson presented the report on vandalism activity for December 2023 and January 2024. She highlighted the graffiti vandalism activity at school sites. Responding to a question on the high cost of broken window repairs, Wendy Dobson explained that the costs are dependent on the number of broken windows as well as the size of the windows.

PB-32 moved by Satpaul Singh Johal
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the Vandalism Activity Report for December 2023 and January 2024, be received.

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13. Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee - Terms of Reference

Associate Director Gill advised that the report includes the Committee Terms of Reference which have been written in the new template format and will replace the current Governance Directives. The Committee will continue to be a Standing Committee with six trustees as membership and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board as Ex-Officio members. The term of appointment for Committee members is two years. The Committee's mandate and roles and responsibilities are outlined in the Terms of Reference.

PB-33 moved by Will Davies
seconded by Satpaul Singh Johal

Resolved, that the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee recommends to the Board:

That, the Physical Planning, Finance and Building Committee Terms of Reference be approved and replace the Governance Directives. (APPENDIX 1, as attached to Item 9.5 of the Agenda)

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14. Adjournment

PB-34 moved by Brad MacDonald
seconded by Will Davies

Resolved, that the meeting adjourn (18:27 hours).

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..... Chair