

New Beavercrest Community School Update

Background

Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) received an increased funding approval in January 2023 for a new 328 pupil school to be placed in the town of Markdale to replace the current Beavercrest Community School. That funding amount for the school, two child care and EarlyON is more than \$15 million. The increase is due to the market price escalation as well as the scope changes to include an additional four classrooms that were part of the re-submission.

Upon completion of the construction tender process, bids received were higher than the allocated amount therefore, an Approval to Proceed with construction with additional funds was submitted to the ministry for consideration. Ministry approval was provided on May 30, 2023.

Municipal site plan approval is underway as is building permit final reviews and sign-offs. The new road that the new school will front onto is now in place with full servicing expected later this summer.

Recommendation:

That the Business Committee of the Whole receive the 'New Beavercrest Community School Update' for information.

Submitted to Bluewater District School Board Business Committee of the Whole June 6, 2023 For further information, please contact Rob Cummings, Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer