



New Beavercrest Community School Update

Background

Bluewater District School Board is currently constructing a new 328 pupil school to be placed in the town of Markdale to replace the current Beavercrest Community School. The funding amount supported by Capital Priorities, Child Care Capital and EarlyON Capital for the school, two child care and EarlyON spaces is more than \$19 million.

Status

The general contractor K&L Construction of London, ON has proceeded to complete concrete slab-on-grade work and above grade load-bearing block work is underway. Work on the main water, storm and sanitary piping is mostly complete in order to connect the new school building to the municipality infrastructure.

Structural steel deliveries have begun and will continue to progress the erection of the building shell.

School fixture, furnishing and equipment planning in conjunction with school administration has commenced along with move management discussions.

With a delayed start to construction and winter construction impacts to progress, a September 2024 target for opening the new school will not be met. The incorporation of two additional classrooms is now also being planned which will further impact construction timelines once approval from the ministry is received. A new target date for construction completion and school opening is still being developed.

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
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For further information, please contact Andrew Low, Superintendent of Business Services and Treasurer or John Bumstead, Assistant Manager of Plant Services