

Beavercrest Community School Update

Background:

Bluewater District School Board received approved funding for a new 236 pupil school to be placed in the town of Markdale to replace the current Beavercrest Community School. Funding in the amount of \$6.4 million will be used for a new school with additional funding of \$2.1 million will be used to create two childcare rooms and two EarlyON rooms at the same location.

On November 6, 2020 the ministry approved the facility space template that was submitted to the ministry for review and approval. The approval indicates that the total number of pupil places being planned for is consistent with the ministry approved scope for this school. In addition, the child care space identified on the space template falls within the child care space requirements.

Preliminary meeting with staff of the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

The final conditions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement are in the process of being met in order for BWDSB to acquire the additional land.

Staff have also been in discussions with the developer of the adjacent lands to discuss timelines for the required street access.

Preliminary designs prepared by +VG Architects are currently being reviewed by staff.

Recommendation:

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

Submitted to Bluewater District School Board Business Committee of the Whole April 6, 2021

For further information, please contact Rob Cummings, Superintendent of Business Services/Treasurer