



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 January 7, 2020, Bluewater District School Board received a letter from the Ministry approving funding up to \$320,254 for the acquisition of land. An Agreement of Purchase and Sale has been signed to acquire the land.

The Application for Consent to sever the land and merge with the abutting lands to the current school was approved on September 8, 2020. No appeals were made during the appeal period. The developer has started on satisfying the conditions of Consent.

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.

Staff has now engaged the services of an architect for this project.

On January 7, 2021 staff had a preliminary meeting with members 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.

Staff continue to monitor the detailed planning phase to ensure property continuity.

Recommendation:

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

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Bluewater District School Board
Business Committee of the Whole
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