



Mark Fisher, Director of Education and Secretary

September 30, 2021

Dear Mayor Holder and Members of Council,

The Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) administration team watched the Planning and Environment Committee discussion regarding the proposed development at 2631 Hyde Park Road and 1521 Sunningdale Road West (File O-9190) on September 27, 2021. We thought our letter was self-explanatory and did not realize a need for us to attend. Several questions came up about the TVDSB's position that I would like to address.

1. Available land in this part of London is extremely limited. There are no available school blocks within existing developments in this part of the City. To date, this is the only property that has been offered to us for a school site through the course of our discussions with developers in the area.
2. Expropriation is a tool that is available to school boards for the purposes of acquiring land for new schools. This process is lengthy, costly and one of last resort.

We also received questions from Councilor Helmer and wanted to share that correspondence with all council members.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 8:46:59 AM
To: Jacob SKINNER <j.skinner@tvdsb.ca>; Joyce BENNETT <j.bennett@tvdsb.ca>
Subject: New Northwest School*

Hi Joyce, Jake:

Do you have a sense of how the new school that is funded for the Northwest would help with the overcrowding issues at Sir Arthur Currie? Looking at the accommodation report, it looks like the new school will be mostly students who are currently in Ryerson holding zones?

I thought Mr Pratt might be able to answer at the planning committee meeting, but he did not attend.

Jesse

On Sep 28, 2021, at 3:42 PM, Jeff PRATT <jeff.pratt@tvdsb.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon Councilor Helmer

Thank you for your email correspondence to both Trustees Skinner and Bennett, as well as Mark Fisher. We appreciate your interest in our enrolment pressures in North West London. We would have been happy to send a TVDSB representative to your planning meeting if we were invited to attend.

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There are approximately 1,000 students currently attending Sir Arthur Currie PS. In addition, 219 students are attending Ryerson PS from the Fox Hollow West and Sunningdale North holding zones. We are expecting approximately 1,200 students at Sir Arthur Currie by 2023.

The new NW London elementary school is currently approved by the Ministry of Education explicitly to provide both relief for Sir Arthur Currie as well as permanent accommodation for holding zone students. Administration will be proposing an attendance area for the new NW London elementary school as part of the London attendance area review process that we are currently undertaking, which will involve modifications to the Sir Arthur Currie attendance area to provide relief for this school. Enrolment is projected to continue increasing within both the Sir Arthur Currie attendance area as well as the holding zones so it is critical that we secure a school site as expeditiously as possible.

I hope this information answers your questions. I would be pleased to discuss further at any time.

*Best regards
Jeff*

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: New Northwest School

Thank you. So that sounds like both SAC and the new school will likely still be in a building + portables situation once the new school is built.

The area that is proposed to be developed by Auburn North of Sunningdale — would those students go to SAC or the new NW school? Or somewhere else?

I really appreciate the info. The pressure on your schools is way too high. Sounds like yet another school is needed in the NW, especially if the area North of Sunningdale develops so much earlier than anyone expected in 2016 when the London Plan was approved.

Jesse

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On Sep 28, 2021, at 4:11 PM, Jeff PRATT <jeff.pratt@tvdsb.ca> wrote:

Jesse,

The land that is proposed to be developed by Auburn on the north side of Sunningdale Road and east of Hyde Park Road is currently within the Sir Arthur Currie PS attendance area. The attendance area for the new school, including any associated changes to the Sir Arthur Currie PS attendance area, will be considered by Trustees and decided upon following public consultation with the community as part of the London attendance area review process.

Regards,
Jeff

Helmer, Jesse jhelmer@london.ca Tue 9/28/2021 4:58 PM

Thank you! I appreciate that a lot is uncertain right now.
Jesse

Thanks for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Pratt', with a large loop at the end.

Jeff Pratt
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cc. Mark Fisher, Director of Education and Secretary, Thames Valley District School Board
cc. Lori-Ann Pizzolato, Chair of the Board, Thames Valley District School Board

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