



## **Update on the George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute Pupil Accommodation Review**

**To:** Planning and Priorities Committee

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### **Strategic Directions**

- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students
- Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the update on the George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute pupil accommodation review be received.

### **Context**

On February 5, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the start of a modified pupil accommodation review for George Harvey Collegiate Institute and York Memorial Collegiate Institute. The purpose of the review was to develop a student accommodation plan for these two schools to address under-utilization, identify the best location for the schools, and to determine the future of the York Memorial CI building that was devastated by fire.

The plan for the pupil accommodation review was to hold eight consultations between February and April 2020 with a final report going to the Board of Trustees in June 2020. The consultations were planned with the following groups associated with George Harvey CI and York Memorial CI: the students of the two schools; the parents of the two schools; the staff of the two schools; the alumni of the two schools; the school council chairs of the feeder elementary schools; and the general public.

Staff completed four consultations with the students and parents of the two schools before the March break of 2020 when the school buildings were closed due to the

COVID-19 pandemic. All consultations were put on hold until it was safe to resume engagements.

The pandemic is likely to persist for months to come. It is important that the George Harvey CI and York Memorial CI pupil accommodation review continue in order to provide certainty to the students, parents and staff of the schools and to ensure that the York Memorial CI site does not sit dormant for a prolonged period of time.

The pandemic has caused many changes to operations of the school board. One of the changes implemented by staff was conducting meetings virtually rather than in-person which has allowed meetings to occur safely. The results have been positive: the technology allows verbal and written communication; the technology is commonly available and allows participation by computer, smart device and phone; and the technology has increased engagement by making it easier for participants to come together.

Staff developed a procedure for conducting virtual consultations that was received by the Governance and Policy Committee on February 10, 2021. This procedure will allow staff to proceed with consultations in a safe and effective way.

Following this procedure, staff will resume the George Harvey CI and York Memorial CI pupil accommodation review and conduct the remaining consultations virtually with the goal to submit a final report to the Board of Trustees in June 2021.

Appendix A contains a brief summary of the scenarios that will be reviewed in the consultations. One of the scenarios that was part of the consultations that occurred early in 2020 has been removed because it is no longer feasible as a result of the change in timelines. This scenario proposed that the two schools consolidate for September 2021.

## **Action Plan and Associated Timeline**

Staff will follow the timelines below to complete the George Harvey CI and York Memorial CI pupil accommodation review:

Send out meeting notices and reopen the online survey	March 2021
Hold virtual consultation with the schools' staff Hold virtual consultation with the schools' alumni Hold virtual consultation with school council chairs of elementary feeder schools	April 2021

Hold virtual consultation with the general public	
Post the Final Staff Report on the TDSB public website	May 2021
Submit the Final Staff Report to a Special Planning and Priorities Committee	June 14, 2021
Submit the Final Staff Report to the Board of Trustees for approval	June 30, 2021

## Resource Implications

The costs incurred in conducting the pupil accommodation review will be supported by the existing budget of the Strategy and Planning Department.

## Communications Considerations

During the remainder of the pupil accommodation review process, notices and information will be provided to the students, parents, and staff of George Harvey CI and York Memorial CI as well as the surrounding school community. Detailed information about the review will continue to be posted on the TDSB's public website in the Accommodation Reviews section.

## Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

Policy P068 Accommodation and Program Review

Procedure PR598 Pupil Accommodation Review

## Appendices

- Appendix A: Updated Scenarios Under Consideration in the George Harvey CI and York Memorial CI Pupil Accommodation Review

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