

**DATE:** October 23, 2018

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Bridget Stirling, Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #7 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held October 9, 2018)

**ORIGINATOR:** Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4  
[Trustees' Handbook](#) – Section 6 – Board Committees  
[School Act](#) – Section 61

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## ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendations at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That a resolution be approved directing that Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

### **The following recommendations were approved at the October 9, 2018, Caucus Committee meeting:**

*That a portion of the Parkallen School site be declared surplus to District need for the future use by the City of Edmonton and EPCOR as a dry pond storm water management facility be approved.*

## BACKGROUND

A dry pond is designed to temporarily store storm water during major storms and release the water into the storm water management system at a constant rate. Storm water management is a concern in Parkallen and the installation of dry ponds is a feasible solution. Generally, such ponds are dry and can be used in a fashion similar to other green spaces. The dry pond will be designed to accommodate sport fields based on input from Parkallen School staff. This will be a long-term asset to the students, despite temporary inconvenience during construction. The City and EPCOR have developed a Drainage Operation Procedure to monitor the performance and safety of the proposed dry ponds. The procedures include electronic monitoring of the storm system for detection of imminent flooding into the dry pond area during a storm event including notification to District Security.

EPCOR administration conducted public engagement regarding the need for the project and the types of amenities that will be retained on the site with the community. The community understands the need for the facility and in general supports the construction.

The District is entitled to market value for the land as it was originally purchased at market value prior to the school's construction in 1951.

*That the acceptance of an offer to purchase the non-reserve site legally described as Lot 34, Block 4, Plan B be approved and that administration be granted the authority to finalize and execute the sale agreement subject to removal of the conditions be approved.*

## BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2016, the Board of Trustees passed a motion declaring a portion of the Archives and Museum site, specifically Lot 34, Block 4, Plan B, as surplus to District need. An unsolicited offer to purchase Lot 34 has been received by administration. Administration will proceed with the sale of vacant Lot 34.

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