

DATE: December 10, 2019

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Ken Gibson, Infrastructure Committee
Trustee Nathan Ip, Chair, Infrastructure Committee
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SUBJECT: Infrastructure Committee Work Plan for 2019-2020

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

RESOURCE STAFF: Lorne Parker, Janene Wagner, Christopher Wright

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#), Section 6.1.2 – Board Committees, Infrastructure Committee

ISSUE

The Infrastructure Committee is responsible for developing and presenting to the Board of Trustees an annual work plan. The 2019-2020 Infrastructure Committee work plan is being submitted for Board approval.

BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees approved the formation of a Trustee Infrastructure Committee on April 10, 2014, to assist Trustees in further understanding the issues, impacts and next steps related to infrastructure over the course of their term. A Terms of Reference was developed and actions were informed through the development of an annual work plan. At their meetings on September 17 and November 25, the Infrastructure Committee developed the work plan for 2019-2020.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the Infrastructure Committee work plan for 2019-2020.

OPTIONS

Based on the information provided in this report, the following options are considered most appropriate:

1. Approve the proposed the Infrastructure Committee work plan for 2019-2020.
2. Provide feedback and request changes be made to the work plan.

ATTACHMENTS and APPENDICES

Attachment I – Infrastructure Committee Terms of Reference
Attachment II – Infrastructure Committee 2019-2020 Work Plan

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Infrastructure Committee Terms of Reference

Purpose

- Understand the impacts of infrastructure to students, families, communities, and the Division, both positive and negative.
- To assist Trustees in further understanding the issues, impacts and next steps related to infrastructure, over the course of their term.
- Recommend governance direction in matters related to the implementation of the Managing Space for our Students Infrastructure Strategy.
- Advise and provide feedback on strategic infrastructure initiatives, such as the Managing Space for our Students report.
- Consider alternative funding approaches for school infrastructure and outline the feasibility of these approaches.
- Advocate for infrastructure support through multiple interests such as the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta and other school jurisdictions.

Terms of Reference

The Infrastructure Committee will assist Trustees in further understanding the issues, impacts and next steps related to infrastructure, over the course of their term.

Parameters

- All recommendations arising from the committee will be presented as a recommendation to the Board of Trustees at a public Board meeting.

Outcomes

- Implementation of an advocacy model to support the outcomes of the Infrastructure Strategy
- Increased level of public trust/confidence in the Board
- Increased awareness of current pressures and realities and a focus on issues related to infrastructure
- Broader community interest and involvement in the infrastructure development process

Process/Plan

- Develop Terms of Reference
- Examine the issues around infrastructure
- Develop recommendations for the Board
- Communicate the work of the committee with the public and increase awareness of our Division realities
- Develop/implement advocacy strategy
- Conduct regular progress/effectiveness reviews

Infrastructure Committee 2019-2020 Work Plan

PURPOSE

The focus of the committee is to:

- Implement an advocacy model to support the outcomes of the Infrastructure Strategy
- Increase public trust/confidence in the Board
- Increase awareness of current pressures and realities, with a focus on issues related to infrastructure
- Cultivate broader community interest and involvement in the infrastructure development process

ACTIVITIES

- Continue development and implementation of the block funding advocacy strategy
- Continue advocacy for quality learning environments for the Division
 - Highlight the need for both new spaces and modernizations
 - Monitor progress on recently announced spaces to ensure funding is received and construction continues as expected
- Continue to develop the Real Estate Strategy
- Provide support to the Board for infrastructure implications arising from the fall provincial budget as it leads into the spring budget
 - Develop key messages and resources to communicate Division infrastructure successes such as Integrated Project Delivery, shared capital planning services with other jurisdictions, partnerships at Dr. Anne Anderson and Mill Creek schools
 - Explore and promote suggestions for reducing red tape and increasing savings

SUPPORTING ACTIONS/INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM ADMINISTRATION

- Three-Year Capital Plan
- Transportation reports
- Technology status reports

REQUESTED RESOURCES

- Continued support of Infrastructure and Communications units and Director Board and Superintendent Relations
- Funds may be required for video production; costs will be kept to a minimum and a request will be made (if required) once production details have been finalized