

DATE: February 6, 2024

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Trustee Sawyer, Caucus Committee Chair

SUBJECT: Report #05 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held on January 23, 2024)

ORIGINATOR: Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

REFERENCE: [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: 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 January 23, 2024, Caucus Committee meeting:

1. Surplus Declaration of a Portion of the Braemar School Site

That a portion of the Braemar School site be declared surplus to Division need, with the intent that the land be used by the City of Edmonton and EPCOR as a dry pond stormwater management facility.

BACKGROUND

Existing stormwater management systems in many of Edmonton's mature communities are unable to handle the volumes of stormwater generated in recent years. In the aftermath of the storms experienced in Edmonton during the summer of 2004, the City of Edmonton investigated various technical improvements to the stormwater management system beginning with areas of the City that experienced the worst flooding. EPCOR has identified approximately 30 potential sites for future dry ponds to be constructed over the next 20 years. Some of these facilities have been identified for construction on Division-owned lands adjacent to both operational and non-operational schools.

EPCOR has involved the Division and the community in the planning and design of the dry pond over the past year. Braemar School, as well as the Ottewell Community League, are aware of the project and will be involved in the final design of amenities located within the dry pond area and the remaining site.

2. Board Ratification of Division Proposal

That the Division Proposal and Previously Agreed to Items be approved.

BACKGROUND

The Division presented a proposal on local bargaining items to the Representative of the Bargaining Agent for Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 of the Alberta Teachers' Association. Edmonton Public Teachers Local 37 accepted the Division proposal and previously agreed to items.

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