

## **FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Presented to: Board of Trustees  
Submitted on: November 28, 2023  
Submitted by: Jen Edwards, Chair, Finance and Facilities Committee  
Committee Date: November 21, 2023  
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Members: Jen Edwards (Chair), Katherine Hauser, Ralf Mesenbrink

Trustees: Irene Hanenberg, Martha MacNeil, Lynn Topping, Laurie Whyte, Paige Knight (Student Trustee)

The Finance and Facilities Committee held a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00pm. Chair Edwards presided the meeting. There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### [Proposal for Renaming of the Island Lake Outdoor Education Centre](#)

The Proposal for Renaming of the Island Lake Outdoor Education Centre Report was presented for consideration by the Finance and Facilities Committee. Discussion took place regarding the rationale for renaming the Outdoor Education Centre and background information on the reopening and reimagining of the Island Lake Outdoor Education Centre than began in 2022 with significant collaboration between Indigenous Education staff and Program Services.

THAT the Island Lake Outdoor Education Centre be renamed.

THAT the Finance and Facilities Committee establish a committee including the First Nations Metis Indigenous Education Council to establish a new name for the Island Lake Outdoor Education Centre to reflect the Indigenous Education and Indigenous ways of doing and knowing that are the central focus of this centre.

### **ITEMS FOR MONITORING**

#### [Trustee Honoraria Report](#)

Discussion took place regarding the updated calculations for Trustee Honoraria. Trustee Honoraria includes a base amount and an enrolment amount. The report presented the new Trustee Honoraria based upon updates to the enrolment portion.

#### [Trustee Expense Report](#)

Discussion took place regarding the 2022-2023 Trustee Expense Report. Trustee Expenses are published on the school board website on an annual basis. A correction to the categorization of some expenses were identified and will be updated prior to publishing on the school board website.

### Capital Projects Update

A verbal report was provided regarding the new Centre Wellington Elementary School and the new South Guelph Secondary School. Approval to proceed has been received for the new Centre Wellington Elementary school. We are continuing to work with the municipality for site plan approval and are targeting to start construction in the spring with a targeted opening for the 2025/2026 school year. We will be seeking approval to proceed for the South Guelph Secondary School and are working with the City for site plan approval with a targeted start of construction in the spring and a targeting opening for the 2026/2027 school year. Carbon reducing technologies will be used subject to budget and timing constraints.

### 2023/2024 Budget Update

The Finance and Facilities Committee was notified that the 2023/2024 Budget and deficit reduction plan was officially approved by the Ministry. The Ministry letter stated that any increases to the projected deficit would require further approval.