



## WHITE ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

12:00 pm, School Board Office, Board Room

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### **Committee Members:**

Jason Reid, Secretary Treasurer  
Trustee Tim Dunford  
Trustee Wayne Hunter  
Trustee Nancy Borden

Chuck Morris, Director of Facilities  
Dave Eberwein, Superintendent of Schools

District of Central Saanich Liaison:  
Councillor Bob Thompson

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## **Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. May 9, 2017 Meeting Notes
3. Revised Consultation Plan
4. Next Meeting – November 14, 2017



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Keven Elder, Superintendent of Schools

District of Central Saanich Liaison:  
Councillor Bob Thompson (regrets)

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### **Meeting Notes**

- The committee reviewed the meeting notes from the last committee meeting on April 11, 2017.
- The committee reviewed and discussed developments during the past month related to the consultation as outlined in the briefing note.
- The committee reviewed the recommendation from the district's advisor with respect to recommended next steps for the consultation. These recommendations included increased involvement of school communities and increased engagement with the broader community.
- The committee reviewed and discussed next steps in the consultation and decided that, given the present demands on school communities related to implementing restored class size and composition contractual language (following the Nov 2016 Supreme Court Decision), it would not be feasible to conduct a meaningful consultation at this time. Therefore, the committee will defer the next stage of the consultation to the fall of 2017.
- ST Reid will prepare a revised consultation plan for review by the committee in the fall of 2017.

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### BRIEFING NOTE



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To: White Road Committee

Prepared By: Jason Reid  
Secretary Treasurer

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Subject: White Road Revised Consultation Process

Date: October 6, 2017

#### Purpose

The purpose of this briefing note is to present a revised consultation plan for the committee's review and approval.

#### Background

Following review of the feedback received from the March 2017 public open house and the subsequent community survey, the committee considered options for broadening the consultation to more effectively include all stakeholders and, in particular, school communities who had not been well represented to date. The following objectives in revising the consultation strategy were identified by the committee:

- Increase engagement with school communities including staff in schools, educational partners and parents. Feedback from school communities will focus on potential options for the property resulting in tangible benefits for students and respecting the wishes of the donor.
- Increase engagement in the broader community through various means such as social media, advertising, community notices, earned media or other means as appropriate.

A significant consideration regarding timing was the impact of the November 2016 Supreme Court decision restoring teacher contract language related to class size and composition. Given the considerable focus and effort required to implement these new requirements for the fall, the committee decided it would not have been realistic to engage with school communities in a meaningful way last spring. It was also possible that our view regarding potential alternative use of the property could change as we worked through the impact of reduced class sizes on our facility requirements. For these reasons, at the May 2017 meeting of the White Road Committee it was decided that the next stage of the consultation would be postponed until the fall. Following the May committee meeting, a letter was sent to all stakeholders involved providing information on the process to date and advising them of the planned revisions to the consultation approach and timeline (Appendix 1).

## Revised Consultation Plan and Timeline

A table summarizing the revised process and timeline is included in Appendix 2. The revised process now includes scheduled working sessions with both administrators and with COPACS. As shown in the table, the next step is preparation of a promotional plan for review by the committee next month with the objective of increasing awareness of the consultation and improving engagement with the broader community.

In addition to the revised process and timeline as outlined in Appendix 2, I would also appreciate the advice of the committee with respect to preparation of a promotional plan for review at the next committee meeting in November.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Reid  
Secretary-Treasurer

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May 19, 2017

Dear Stakeholders,

Re: Results of Community Open House and Adjustment of the Consultation Plan

Thank you for your participation and contribution to this important consultation process. The White Road Committee (the "Committee") has reviewed and considered feedback received from the community open house on March 16, 2017, the subsequent community survey and from correspondence received. These results and other materials reviewed by the Committee can be viewed in the April and May Committee meeting packages on the consultation webpage ([www.sd63.bc.ca/leadership-governance/white-road-consultation](http://www.sd63.bc.ca/leadership-governance/white-road-consultation)). The purpose of this letter is to update you on the consultation process including planned adjustments to the timing and scope.

Subsequent to the open house the following questions from the community were addressed:

- Why is the property zoned residential when it has only been used as a school site?
  - Response: the property's use as a school site predated the incorporation of the District of Central Saanich and initial zoning of the neighbourhood. Further information on the zoning history can be found in the May Committee package.
- Why do historical documents indicate the site was 2 acres, but the current size is 1.73 acres?
  - Response: During the past century the property has been transferred three times - (1) from the South Saanich School District (when it ceased to exist) to the Municipality of Saanich, (2) from the Municipality of Saanich to the District of Central Saanich (when it was formed), and (3) from District of Central Saanich to School District No. 63 (Saanich) in 1964. When the property was transferred to the school district in 1964, the transfer was conditional on a 33 foot strip along the southern edge being retained for roadway.
- The remains of an old car on the property is a safety concern. Can it be removed?
  - Response: We have recently removed the car from the property and appreciate the matter being brought to our attention.

## Consultation Process

The Committee considered the recommendations received regarding the consultation process. The Committee recognizes the importance of this consultation and discussed the need to broaden the consultation to include all interested stakeholders and, in particular, our school communities who have not been well represented to date. The committee considered the feedback received related to alternative use of the property or, if the property were sold, how the proceeds should be used. Given the mandate of the Board of Education, allocation of proceeds or alternative use of the property needs to provide tangible benefits to students. Therefore, an

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# Appendix 1

important objective of the next stage of the consultation will be to increase engagement with our school communities. Committee members noted that recommendations (from the open house and survey) related to outdoor learning could potentially align with the curricular needs of students and provide an opportunity to honor the legacy of the donor.

The committee discussed next steps in the consultation more fully at its meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. A significant consideration in the timing of next steps is the impact of the November 2016 Supreme Court decision that restores teacher contract language related to class size and composition. Given the considerable focus and effort on implementing these new requirements for the fall, it would not be realistic to engage with our school communities in a meaningful way at this time. It is also possible that our view regarding potential alternative use of the property may change as we work through the impact of reduced class sizes on our facility requirements. For these reasons, the Committee decided to postpone the next stage of the consultation to the fall. Therefore, the Final Public Consultation Meeting (previously scheduled to occur June 21, 2017) has been postponed and will be rescheduled to follow the next stage of the consultation.

The objective of the next stage of the consultation will be to increase awareness and engagement with the broader community and to engage in working sessions involving our school communities. A revised consultation plan and timeline will be communicated in advance of recommencing the process in the fall. We welcome feedback and the opportunity to discuss this process at any time. The consultation email inbox ([whiteroad@sd63.bc.ca](mailto:whiteroad@sd63.bc.ca)) and webpage will remain active until the conclusion of this process.

We look forward to working with you and seeking your help in shaping the future of the White Road property and how it can best contribute to the School District's public education mandate.

Sincerely,



Jason Reid  
Secretary Treasurer

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## Appendix 2: Revised Consultation Process and Timeline

<b>Consultation Process and Timeline</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event or Activity</b>
February 7, 2017 (from 12pm to 1pm)  <b>COMPLETED</b>	White Road (“WR”) Committee meeting to review and approve the consultation plan including identification of preliminary set of planning principles/values, and the draft communications to neighbours and stakeholders.
February 8 to 14, 2017  <b>COMPLETED</b>	Letter sent to neighbouring properties and stakeholders to explain the process and invite attendance at the open house and participation in survey.  The approved consultation plan will be posted to a consultation webpage on the district website (this webpage will be populated through-out the process).  Notification of the consultation process will also be provided with on-site signage.
March 7, 2017 (from 12pm to 1pm)  <b>COMPLETED</b>	WR Committee meeting to review open house agenda, format and presentation.
March 16, 2017 (from 7pm to 9pm)  <b>COMPLETED</b>	Open House Meeting at the Saanich Schools Education Centre located behind Keating Elementary School (6843 Central Saanich Rd. Saanichton, BC).
March 17, 2017  <b>COMPLETED</b>	Link to community survey is distributed as well as the email address for the White Road consultation inbox.
April 11, 2017 (from 12pm to 1pm)  <b>COMPLETED</b>	WR Committee meets to review feedback received from Open House and Community Survey.
May 9, 2017 (from 12pm to 1pm)  <b>COMPLETED</b>	WR Committee meets to discuss next steps in consultation.
<b>Next Steps in Revised Consultation Plan</b>	
October 10, 2017 (from 12pm to 1pm)	WR Committee meets to review and discuss the next steps in the consultation. Following the meeting, stakeholders are advised of the revised consultation plan by email and materials are posted to the consultation webpage.
November 14, 2017 (from 12pm to 1pm)	WR Committee meets to review and discuss the promotional plan to increase awareness of the consultation and improve

	engagement with the broader community.
November 15, 2017 (from 3pm to 4pm)	Working session with school administrators to review the consultation and the process for receiving input from each school.
November 2017 to January 2018	School administrators consult with their schools to identify potential options for the property to be reported through survey.  Promotion of consultation process through various means such as social media, advertising, community notices, earned media or other means as appropriate.
January 11, 2018 (from 7pm to 8pm)	Working session with the Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils of Saanich (COPACS) to present and review options identified by schools and to discuss options for seeking further input from parents on potential options identified.
January 2018	Receive feedback from school Parent Advisory Councils (PACS) through survey or other means on potential options for the property.
February 6, 2018 (from 12pm to 1pm)	WR Committee reviews the results of the consultation with school communities and the draft materials for the February 21, 2018 final public consultation meeting.
February 21, 2018 (from 7pm to 9pm)	Final public consultation meeting at Bayside Middle School. The results of the consultation to date will be presented including options identified. Feedback will be received through working sessions and through distribution of a survey following the open house.
March 7, 2018	Community survey closes
April 10, 2018 (from 12pm to 1pm)	WR committee reviews results of consultation to date and considers the next steps in the consultation.