

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL SITE

Background

To provide for adequate and appropriate selection of school sites, ongoing consultation must be in place with municipal planners and other authorities to ensure that school sites are available to meet school population needs.

The Superintendent or designate will meet on an ongoing basis with municipal and other authorities to ensure appropriate selection of future school sites. The Board will be kept informed of all proposed new sites required to meet school population needs.

Procedures

1. School site selection shall be made in consultation with municipal planners and other authorities as deemed necessary. Selection is to be referred to the Board, which will either confirm or reject the location.
2. School sites ordinarily shall meet the maximum size allowed by the Ministry of Education on a shareable basis.
3. Where possible, school sites shall be selected next to municipal parks.
4. Negotiations for new sites shall be based upon estimated costs set by the District's appointed land appraiser. The District's negotiating team will consist of the Secretary-Treasurer and one additional administrative staff member.
5. Should the land not be acquired within the appraised value, the District's land appraiser shall review the final price set by the vendor, and a recommendation brought forward to the Board for purchase or expropriation.
6. On approval from the Ministry of Education to purchase the site, the District's solicitor shall prepare the necessary transfer of title.

Reference: Section 65, 85, School Act

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