

Staff Report to Council

Planning and Development

FILE: 6410-01-2019

REPORT DATE: July 15, 2022

MEETING DATE:

July 26, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Angie Lucas, Director of Planning and Development

SUBJECT: School District 42 Eligible School Sites Proposal

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW/APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council:

- A. Accept the School Board's resolution of proposed eligible school site requirements for School District 42 as outlined in their correspondence dated June 16, 2022; OR
- B. Other.

PURPOSE

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act*, School District 42 has submitted to the City an eligible school sites proposal for Council consideration and acceptance.

☐ Information Report

☒ Decision Report

☐ Direction Report

DISCUSSION

Background:

In order to secure capital funding for future school sites, the Board of Education is required to annually identify eligible school sites in a proposal for review and acceptance by local governments.

Relevant Policy, Bylaw or Legislation:

This issue is regulated by the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act* and input is provided by the City's Official Community Plan.

Analysis:

Based on ten year projections for residential development provided by the Cities of Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge, the School Board's capital plan projects the number of eligible school age children to be generated by this residential growth and estimates the approximate number, location and cost of future school sites.

This school sites proposal estimates that there will be approximately 8,105 new development units constructed in the School District over the next ten years which will house an estimated 1,325 school age children. Most of these children will reside in Maple Ridge.

For Pitt Meadows, an estimated 1,000 development units are projected for the ten year period. This number is largely consistent with the housing estimates that informed the development of the new Official Community Plan and helped to inform the Housing Needs Assessment.

There are no new school sites proposed for Pitt Meadows. One new school site is proposed in Silver Valley for Maple Ridge. The School Board does own a property at 11225 Bonson Rd (next to the Nature's Walk townhouse project) which is designated in the City's Official Community Plan as Public Use/Institutional, however this proposal from the School Board indicates that the School Board has no current plans to develop this property as a school site within the ten year time frame.

The following actions are provided for Council's consideration pursuant to the *Local Government Act*:

1. Accept the School's resolution of proposed eligible school site requirements for the School District; OR
2. Respond in writing to the School Board indicating that it does not accept the Board's proposed school site requirements indicating:
 - Each proposed school site to which the City objects; AND
 - The reason for the objection.

Staff is recommending that Council accept the School Board's resolution as indicated in the first point above since it is based on information that is consistent with the City's population and housing projections.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

- ☐ Principled Governance ☐ Balanced Economic Prosperity ☐ Corporate Excellence
☐ Community Spirit & Wellbeing ☐ Transportation & Infrastructure Initiatives
☒ Not Applicable
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- ☒ None ☐ Budget Previously Approved ☐ Referral to Business Planning

There are no financial implications with this report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- ☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

Comment(s):

The public will be informed of the school sites proposal by way of this report on the Council agenda.

KATZIE FIRST NATION CONSIDERATIONS

Referral ☐ Yes ☒ No

SIGN-OFFS

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ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. Letter from School District 42 to City of Pitt Meadows dated June 16, 2022