

Davisville Jr PS
Local School Community Design Team Meeting

Update #1
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To:

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We trust that this Update greets you all with good health and fond memories of another glorious summer gone by. During our first LSCDT meeting at the end of May, there were a number of items identified that required action to be taken by TDSB staff. We wanted to provide you all with an update of what has transpired for us over the past three and a half months.

1) Prepare a RFP for planning/design services this summer:

At our last meeting, Sheila Penny, Director of Strategic Building + Renewal outlined the board-approved process for the redevelopment project. The section of the process that we are entering into will be focusing on the creation of a Land Use Management Master Plan (LUMMP). In order to facilitate this plan, and to provide visual models to assist us in our explorations, architectural and planning consultants will be selected to become part of our LSCDT. These consultants will bring their expertise in listening to stakeholder interests and turning them into resolved urban design solutions. This call for consulting services will also serve the other four redevelopment sites in the TDSB which are proceeding at the same time as the Davisville/MTSD project

Sheila Penny and Jeff Latto, at our Strategic Building + Renewal division, prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) in July that solicited bids from the design community to provide architectural and planning services for the five redevelopment sites. The RFP provided the Board with the option to retain a consultant for all five sites or as many as five consultants; that being one per site. The RFP was circulated in August and received 19 submissions.

2) Secure consultant team for September:

Strategic Building + Renewal have established a short-list over the past couple of weeks and have identified 5 teams that are of the highest calibre shown amongst the submissions. The process for finalizing the consultants will be completed by mid October. Officially, we will not be able to secure the consultants until our November Board meeting scheduled for November 16th.

3) Distribute Agenda in September for next meeting.

Jeff Latto will be responsible for preparing and distributing the agenda for our next meeting. We will have to schedule our meeting for after the November 16th Board meeting so that we can make the most of our next time together.

4) Prepare presentation material for next meeting.

As noted in the process flow chart presented by Sheila Penny at our first meeting (and attached for your convenience), the next step will focus on the site issues. We will require the skills of the consultants to prepare a presentation very quickly that identifies the site issues. We can expect discussions on traffic flow, safety and pedestrian patterns, best locations for access into the property, where is the best location for the school, green space, and parking, and so on. As we want this process to be driven by the needs of the school and community, we will not be asking the consultants to prepare any ideas on what the project might look like. Rather, their initial work will be analytical in nature and provide the LSCDT an understanding of what the current site offers in the way of opportunities and restrictions. It will be a very informative meeting and we will all benefit from each other's experience and understanding of the school's property. .

Following this next meeting, the third meeting's agenda will switch to the school and its needs in providing excellence in education delivery and community engagement. We can talk more about this at our next meeting.

5) Other news.

Aside from this work noted above, Strategic Building + Renewal has been busy in securing two project managers for the five redevelopment projects. By the time we have our next meeting in November, we will meet the project manager selected to work on this project.

As well, there was an idea developed from the site tours of the new schools that took place in June, which is taking shape. We are referring to a web site that will allow us to share ideas on this and other projects of inspiration. The SB+R website will be up and running in October and will have a link for all of the Davisville LSCDT members to access and upload/share ideas. We are excited about this new site and we can see it helping out greatly in communicating ideas back and forth between us.

Although our next meeting is not scheduled for at least another two months, we would like to extend an offer to all to meet in October to discuss the process further if this will be of value to the team. We are looking at October 25, from 6pm to 8pm at Davisville Jr. PS. This may prove to be a good idea as it will free us from discussing this in November when we should be focused on looking at site issues. Can you please RSVP directly to Jeff Latto at jeff.latto@tdsdb.on.ca

Once again, welcome back and we look forward to seeing all of you soon.

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