

# **Southeast Galt**

## **Elementary Schools Pupil Accommodation Review**

### **Public Meeting #1**

November 4, 2008

Lincoln Avenue P.S., 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



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# Agenda

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1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Explanation of the Accommodation Review Process
3. Role of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)
4. Objectives
5. Valuation Templates
6. Questions/Other



## Why an Accommodation Review?

- The potential exists within an area under the jurisdiction of the Board to accommodate existing and projected students in fewer educational facilities;
- Due to declining enrolment, a school or group of schools is unable, or projected to be unable to:
  - Provide a suitable and equitable range of learning opportunities for students;
  - Under normal staffing allocations, organize with split classes of no more than two grades;
- Reorganization involving the school or group of schools could enhance program and learning opportunities for students;
- Teaching and learning spaces and the site are not suitable to provide the programs and accessibility needed to serve the community, and retrofitting and/or enlarging the facility may be cost prohibitive;
- One or more of the schools is experiencing higher building maintenance expenses than average for the system and/or is in need of major capital improvements;
- The Board has received a formal request from a school community or communities requesting a review of their pupil accommodation facilities



## Why an Accommodation Review in SE Galt?

The need to consider the possible consolidation or closure of a school within Southeast Galt exists because of:

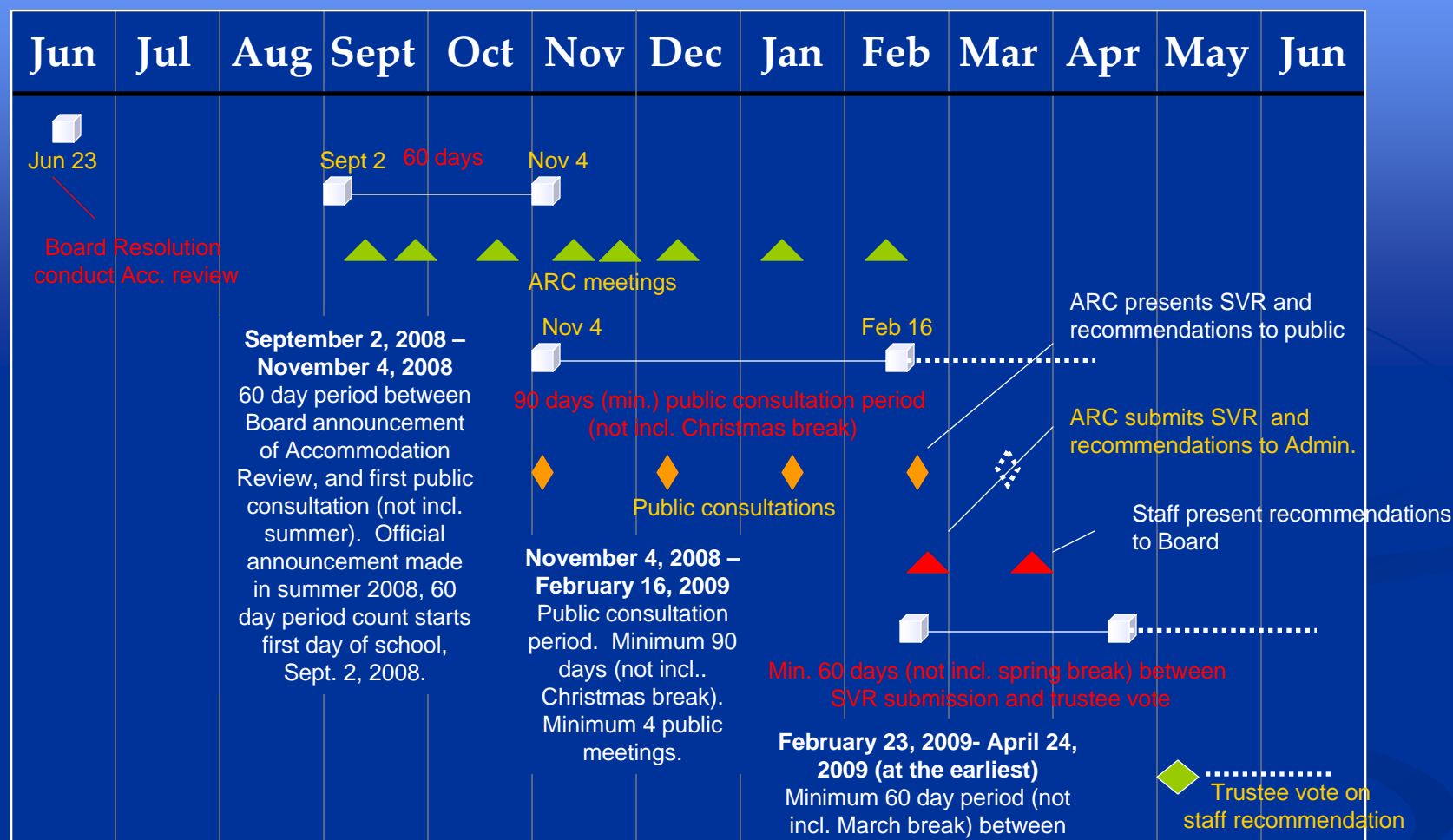
- Overcrowding
- Facility condition
- Site limitations
- Enrolment decline
- New development
- Financing
- School enrolments under 300 students

## Background/Timeline

- **January 30, 2006** – Board's Capital Plan identifies East side Galt schools including Alison Park, Manchester, Lincoln Avenue, Chalmers Street, Central and Stewart Avenue identified as a community to be considered for possible consolidation of schools
- **November 2007 to May 2008** – pupil accommodation review in east Galt area considered to be of moderate urgency because residential development in area stalled
- **May 10, 2008** – A fire at Alison Park P.S. causes irreparable damage to the school, displacing staff and students, and accelerates the urgency of an accommodation review
- **June 23, 2008** – Board approves staff recommendation to commence a Pupil Accommodation Review in the East Side Galt Community including Alison Park, Avenue Road, Manchester, Lincoln Avenue, Chalmers Street and Stewart Avenue Public Schools.
- **September 2, 2008** – 60 day period between Board announcement of Accommodation Review and first public consultation begins.
- **September 23, 2008 to October 28, 2008** - ARC Meetings #1, 2, and 3
- **November 4, 2008** – Public Meeting #1



# Accommodation Review Process

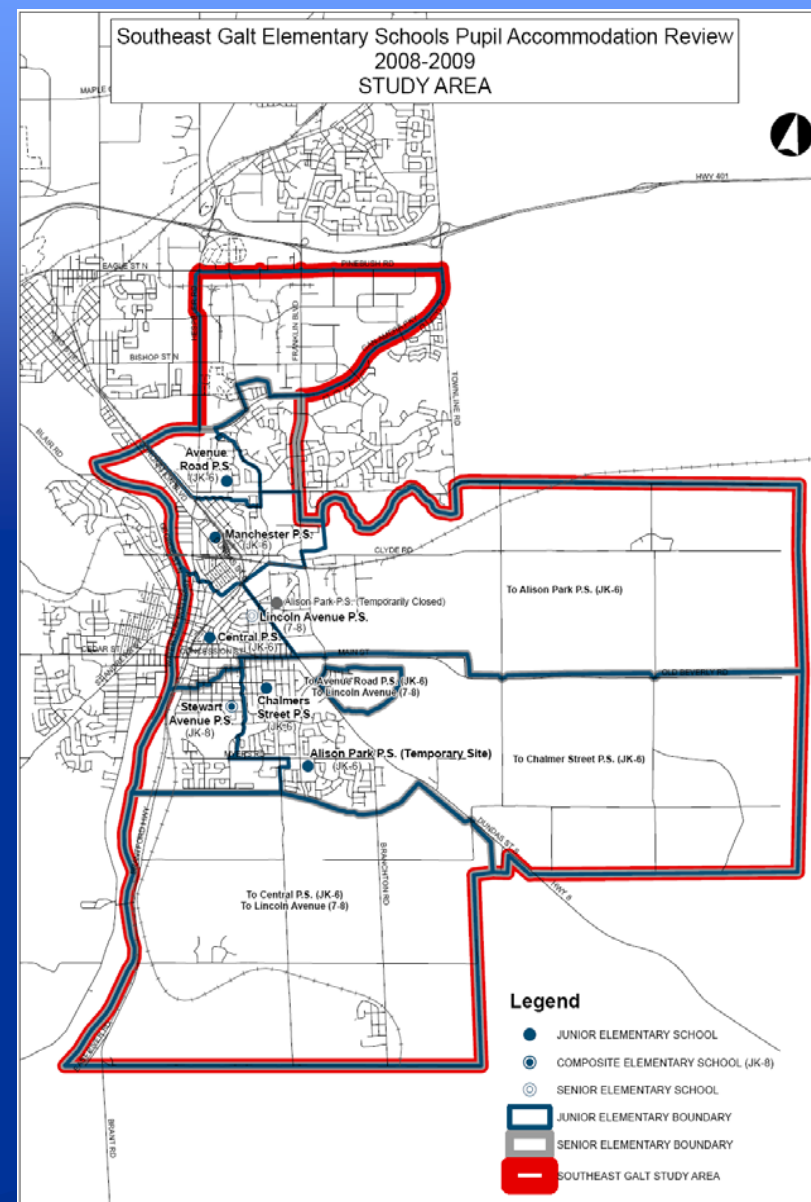


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## Study Area includes:

- Avenue Road P.S. (JK-6)
- Manchester P.S. (JK-6)
- Alison Park P.S. (JK-6)
- Lincoln Avenue P.S. (7-8)
- Central P.S. (JK-6)
- Stewart Avenue P.S. (JK-8)
- Chalmers Street P.S. (JK-6)



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# Current Enrolment and Capacity

School	Built Capacity (2008)	Built Capacity with Portapack (2008)	Enrolment - Sept 12, 2008 Unofficial		% Capacity
			Total	FTE*	
Alison Park	-	-	148	126.5	N/A
Avenue Road	282	282	280	250.5	89%
Central	236	236	242	207	88%
Chalmers Street	222	360	465	401	111%
Lincoln Avenue	423	423	420	420	99%
Manchester	256	256	310	267.5	104%
Stewart Avenue	483	621	586	541	87%

\*FTE refers to Full Time Enrolment – Kindergarten students counted as half a student because they only use the facilities half the time % Capacity = FTE/Built Capacity with Portapack



# ARC Membership

The ARC consists of:

- At least 2 parents from each school
- The principal from each school
  - Sue Thorne-McCaffrey, Alison Park P.S.
  - Brian Ward, Avenue Road P.S.
  - Cindy Benedetti, Chalmers Street P.S.
  - Geoffrey Suderman-Gladwell, Central P.S.
  - Allan MacKay, Manchester P.s.
  - Linda Rogers, Lincoln Avenue P.S.
  - Leslie Tinning, Stewart Avenue P.S.
- The area School Superintendent
  - Diane DeCoene
- Planning Staff
  - Chris Smith, Manager
  - Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner
  - Lauren Manske, Planner
- Study area municipal representation
  - City of Cambridge
- Up to 2 community representations
  - YMCA of Cambridge
- One other representative as the Board deems appropriate
  - Jim Berry, Assistant Superintendent Learning Services (Special Education)



## Role of the ARC

The ARC is responsible for:

- School Valuation Framework
- Public Information and Access
- Community Consultation and Public Meetings
- School Valuation Report and Recommendations



## Draft Objectives


- To determine a permanent option for Alison Park (not portables), and where possible, keep Alison Park students together
- To find a solution that is long-term, considers permanent construction, and has regard for future demographic changes and development patterns
- To address enrolment impact on programs at all schools by maintaining/developing equitable facilities that are financially feasible
- Where possible, reduce busing to reduce environmental and transportation costs in the long-term
- To address physical accessibility of facilities in the study area
- Where possible, to provide access to specialized programs more broadly across schools in the study area
- To support optimal use of facilities (school and site), capital and operating resources
- To have regard for secondary school boundaries
- To address student transitions where changes are proposed

# School Valuation Framework

- The ARC may customize the board's generic School Valuation Framework to the schools under review. The School Valuation Framework must include the four considerations: value to the student, community, school board and the local economy



# Valuation Templates

	<b>Southeast Galt Elementary Schools Pupil Accommodation Review</b>  <b>Elementary School Valuation Framework Version 1.1 (October 29, 2008)</b>
Date: _____ / _____ Month                 Year	
<b>SCHOOL PROFILE</b>	
<b>School:</b> _____	
<b>Address:</b> _____	
<b>Grade Configuration</b>	
<b>Age of Facility</b>	_____ years
<b>Site Size</b>	_____ ac      _____ ha
<b>Building Size – GFA</b>	_____ sq ft      _____ m <sup>2</sup>
<b>School Capacity</b> (building only, Ministry recognized) _____	
<b>School Capacity</b> (building and porta-pak) _____	
<b>Number of portables</b>	_____
<b>Current enrolment (Total/FTE)</b>	_____
<b>Utilization (% Accommodation)</b>	_____
<b>Historic FTE Enrolment (past 5 years)</b>	Year: _____ Enrolment: _____
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<b>Enrolment FTE Projection (next 5 years)</b>	Year: _____ Enrolment: _____
	Year: _____ Enrolment: _____
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	Year: _____ Enrolment: _____
<b>Feeder Schools:</b>	<b>Grades:</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
<b>Number of Out of Boundary Students</b>	_____
<b>Number of Split Grades</b>	_____
<b>Is there a French Immersion Program?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

*To be used as a information gathering tool*

## Section 1: Value to the Student

## Section 2: Value to the Board

## Section 3: Value to the Community

## Section 4: Value to the Local Economy

## Section 5: Valuation Summary

## Next Steps

- ARC meets to discuss existing conditions and develop scenarios
- Public meetings #2 to 4
- ARC prepares School Valuation Report and Recommendations
- Staff brings recommendations to Trustees



## Public Information and Access

- ARCs are to ensure that all information relevant to the accommodation review is to be made public by posting it in a prominent location on the school board's website or making it available in print on request

<http://www.wrdsb.on.ca/accommodation-segalt.php>

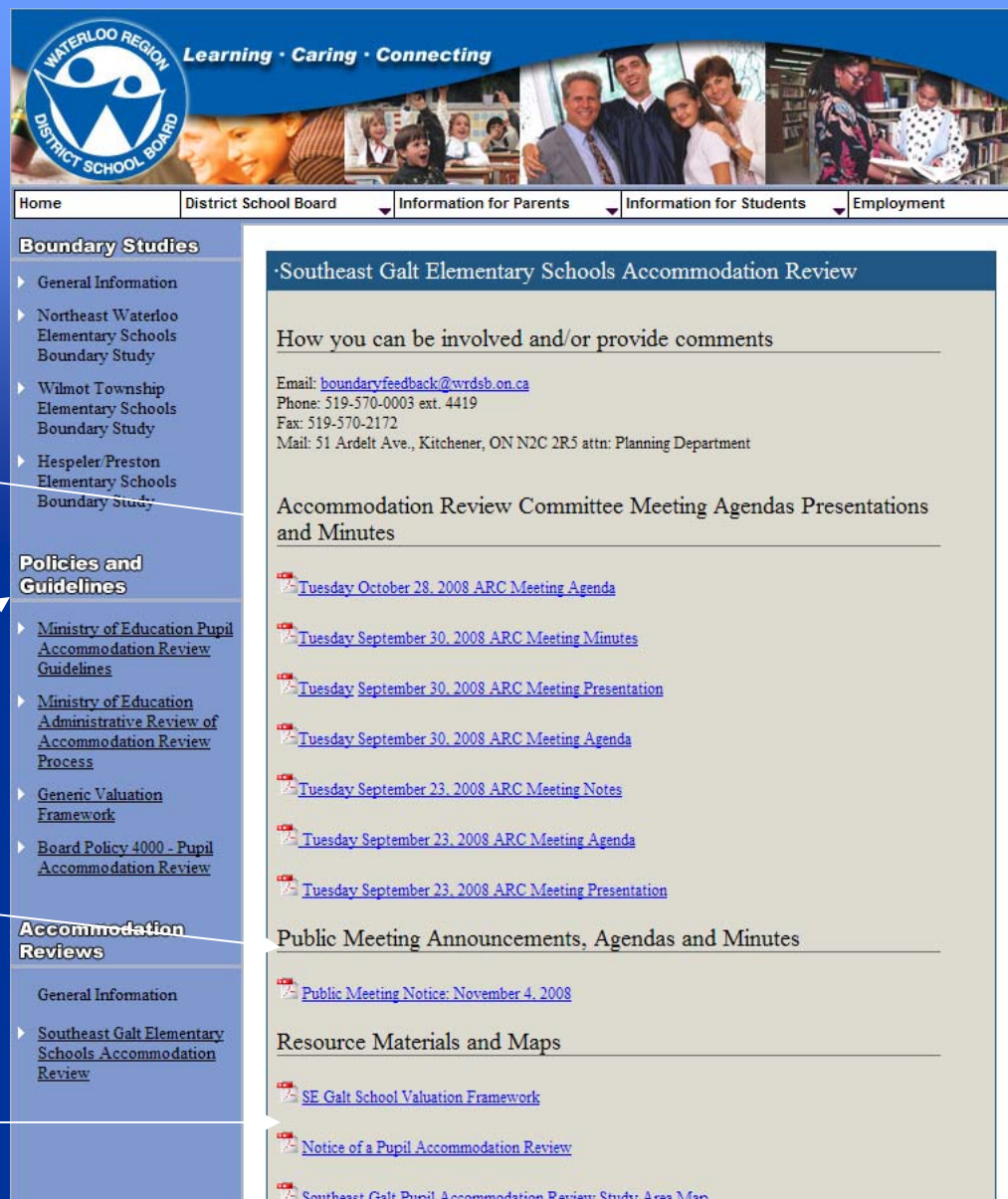
Or, visit one of the schools in the study area to view the accommodation review binder (located in the school's office)

# Webpage

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Browse:

- ARC meeting Agendas, Presentations and Minutes
- Policies and Guidelines for Pupil Accommodation Reviews (as set out by the Ministry of Education)
- Public Meeting Notices, Agendas and Minutes
- Resource Materials and Maps



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**Boundary Studies**

- General Information
- Northeast Waterloo Elementary Schools Boundary Study
- Wilmot Township Elementary Schools Boundary Study
- Hespeler/Preston Elementary Schools Boundary Study

**Policies and Guidelines**

- Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines
- Ministry of Education Administrative Review of Accommodation Review Process
- Generic Valuation Framework
- Board Policy 4000 - Pupil Accommodation Review

**Accommodation Reviews**

- General Information
- Southeast Galt Elementary Schools Accommodation Review

**Southeast Galt Elementary Schools Accommodation Review**

How you can be involved and/or provide comments

Email: [boundaryfeedback@wrdsb.on.ca](mailto:boundaryfeedback@wrdsb.on.ca)  
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Accommodation Review Committee Meeting Agendas Presentations and Minutes

- [Tuesday October 28, 2008 ARC Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Tuesday September 30, 2008 ARC Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Tuesday September 30, 2008 ARC Meeting Presentation](#)
- [Tuesday September 30, 2008 ARC Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Tuesday September 23, 2008 ARC Meeting Notes](#)
- [Tuesday September 23, 2008 ARC Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Tuesday September 23, 2008 ARC Meeting Presentation](#)

Public Meeting Announcements, Agendas and Minutes

- [Public Meeting Notice: November 4, 2008](#)

Resource Materials and Maps

- [SE Galt School Valuation Framework](#)
- [Notice of a Pupil Accommodation Review](#)
- [Southeast Galt Pupil Accommodation Review Study Area Map](#)



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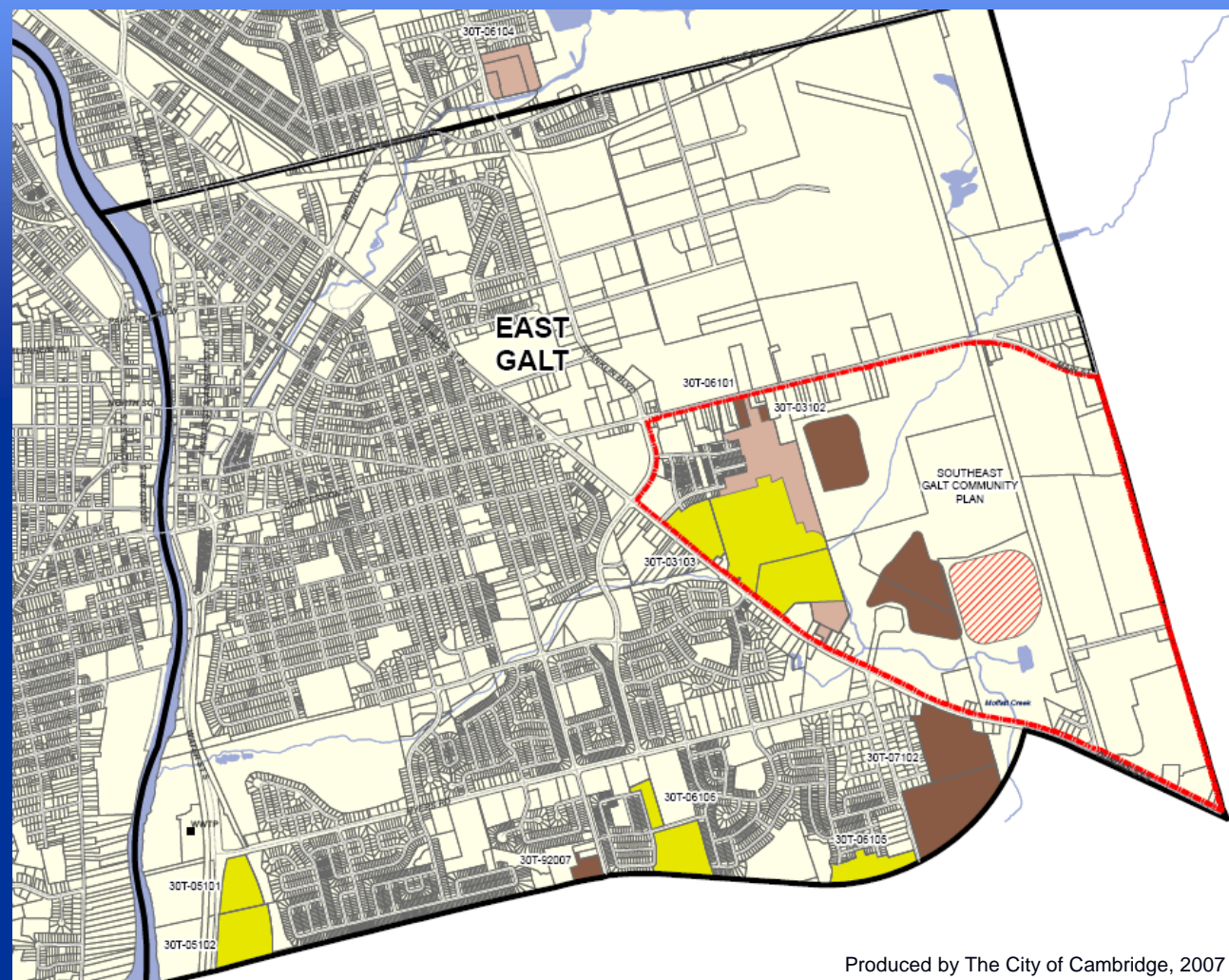
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## Contact Information

- Website: [www.wrdsb.on.ca](http://www.wrdsb.on.ca)
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  - ↪ Southeast Galt Elementary Schools Accommodation Review
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