



# Report to Committee of the Whole

January 22, 2018

## **Subject: Draft Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP)**

### **Recommendation**

*This report is for the information of the Board.*

### **Status**

Planning staff are pleased to provide the Draft Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) to the Board of Trustees (Trustees) following several months of collaborative development of the document. This draft plan identifies short term (one to five year) and medium term (six to ten year) recommendations where needs have been identified. Recommendations include classroom additions, boundary studies, partnership opportunities and pupil accommodation reviews. A summary table of proposed actions for consideration is provided in Section 6 (page 7) of the attached draft LTAP.

The recommendations in the draft LTAP allow for flexibility of timing. Future updates to the LTAP may reflect changing timelines for projects.

To assist in understanding how to read the LTAP, please refer to the Glossary of Terms on Appendix B of the draft LTAP.

Stakeholder consultation workshops were offered on Thursday November 9, 2017 and Thursday November 16, 2017. Stakeholders had the opportunity to provide input into the LTAP's objectives and content. This engagement provided excellent visioning for what our stakeholders would like to see in long-term planning for the Waterloo Region District School Board (Board). Some key points from the workshops included:

- Strong desire for collaboration and partnerships
- Planning for more active transportation
- Consideration of alternative models for program delivery
- Take into consideration intensification and the impact of light rail transit
- Create flexible spaces that are adaptable over time in new school designs

Stakeholder comments were incorporated into the draft LTAP and are summarized in Appendix C of the draft LTAP.

A public information meeting will be held January 25, 2018. The purpose of this meeting will be to share the draft LTAP and solicit feedback from stakeholders. Any revisions will be made prior to the Final Long-Term Accommodation Plan being presented to Trustees for approval at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

## **Background**

The May 15, 2017 Committee of the Whole report “Accommodation Planning 2017-2018” indicated that a long-term capital and accommodation plan was in development with a 2017 release date. As indicated in the October 23, 2017 Committee of the Whole report, Planning staff revised this date to early 2018 to allow for thorough consultation and collaboration with Communications.

In April 2016, the Board approved revised Pupil Accommodation Review and Community Planning and Facility Partnership policies. Since that time, the Ministry of Education, through Memo 2017 B:09, effectively paused any new Accommodation Reviews, citing a need for revisions to the guideline. The Board will be required to revisit these policies pending the release of the revised guideline from the Ministry of Education. Considering these recent changes, the recommendations contained in the draft LTAP allow for flexibility of timing. Future updates to the LTAP may reflect changing timelines for projects.

## **Financial implications**

No financial implications.

## **Communications**

Planning and Communications staff collaborated to ensure the development of the draft LTAP included input from a variety of stakeholders through two separate stakeholder workshops. A dedicated LTAP webpage was created ([www.wrdsb.ca/planning/ltap](http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/ltap)) and the complete draft is available there as well as in the board agenda package.

A public information meeting will be held January 25, 2018. Notice of the meeting will be shared through social media, the [www.wrdsb.ca](http://www.wrdsb.ca) website, and direct invitations to the same stakeholders consulted in November.

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