

Doon South

Boundary Study

Working Group Meeting #1

October 3, 2013

Pioneer Park P.S.

4:00 – 5:30 pm



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Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Explanation of Boundary Study Process
 1. Working Group Meetings/Role
 2. Setting Objectives
 3. Scenario Development
 4. Public Meetings
3. Study Purpose and Issues Identification
4. Development Activity Summary
5. Draft Goals/Objectives
6. Initial Scenario Development
7. Meeting Schedule and Location(s)
8. Roundtable



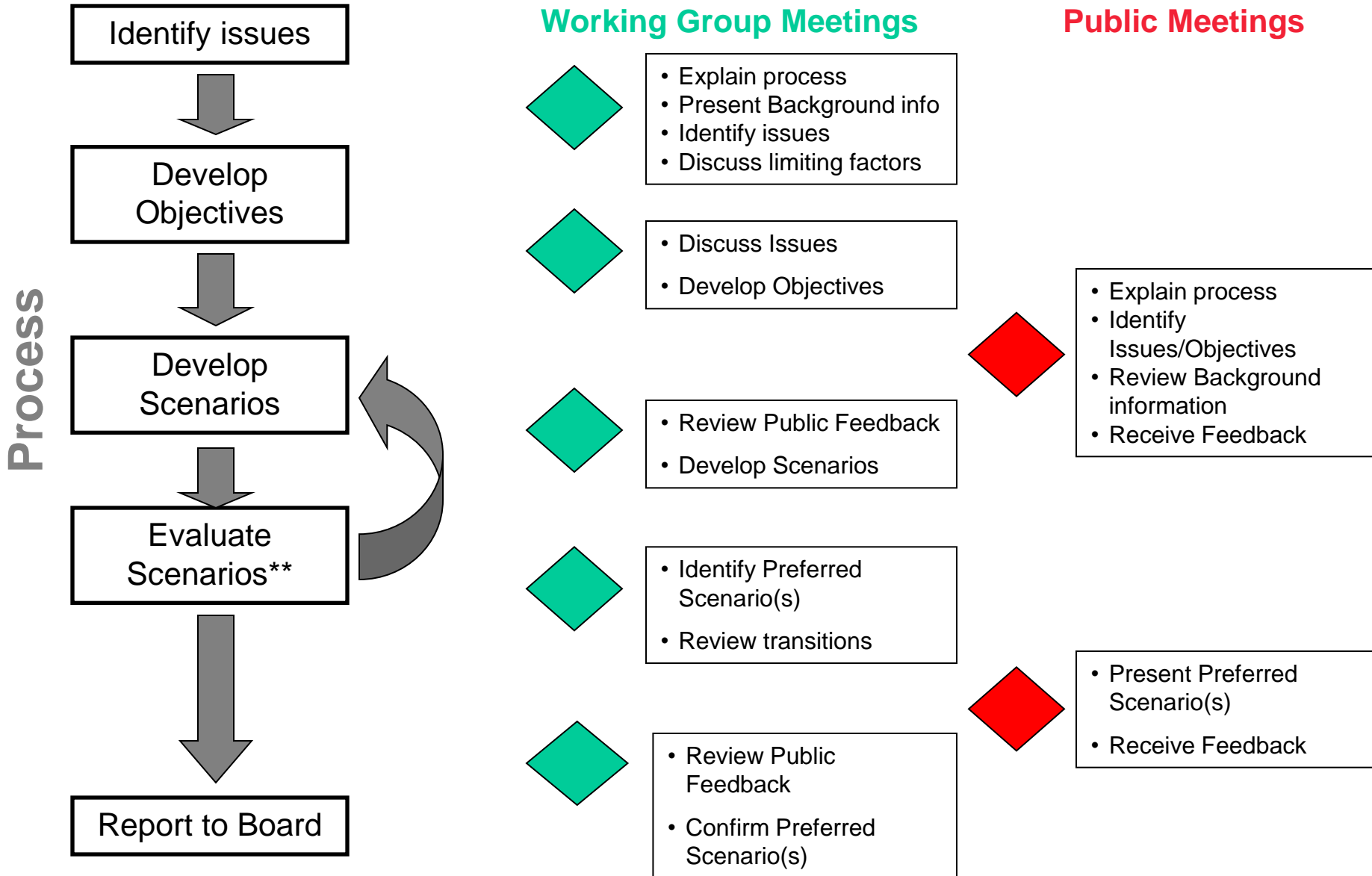
What is a Boundary Study?

The WRDSB considers a School Boundary Study when considering a change to one or more school attendance areas. There can be a number of reasons for a study:

- Changing the grade structure of an elementary school – this would include changing an elementary school from a JK-6 format to a composite school with JK-8;
- Balancing enrolment and facilities – one school may have too many students for its capacity and another may have too few;
- After municipalities approve new residential development, the area needs to be assigned to a school where capacity exists;
- Opening of a new school and establishing the new boundary and adjusting boundaries of the existing schools in the area



Boundary Study Process



What is role of the Working Group members ?

The Working Group will:

- Identify and discuss issues and opportunities of the individual school communities and the broader community
- Set study objectives
- Develop boundary options
- Evaluate boundary options against study objectives
- Act as a liaison between the Working Group and the school communities



Working Group Membership

The Working Group consists of:

- Up to 2 parents from each school (except Doon P.S. 1 rep. per feeder school = 3)
- The Principal from each school
- Planning Staff
- The school area superintendent

Purpose and Issues

To address the long-term program and accommodation needs of the Doon/Doon South community.

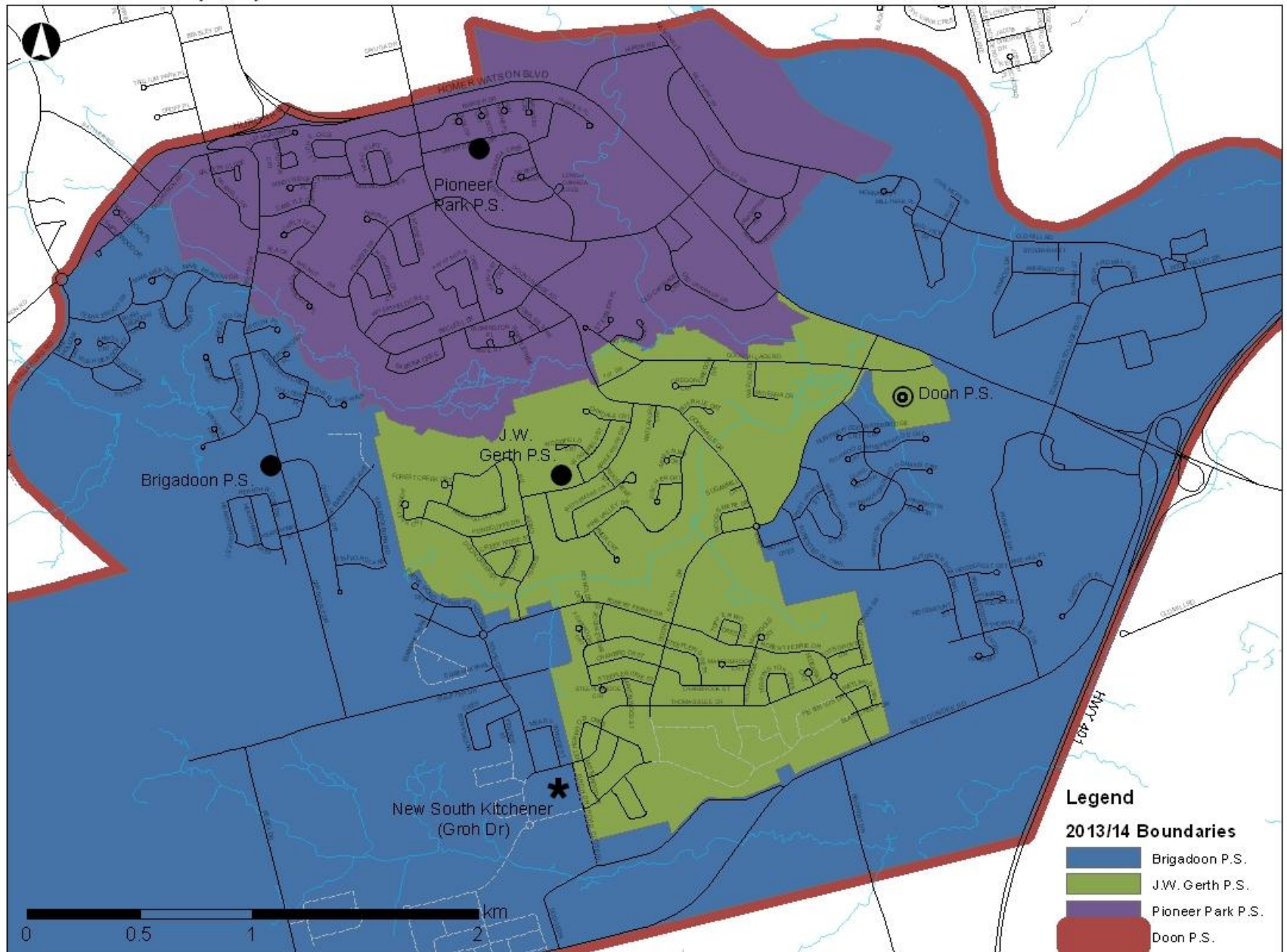
The issues to be examined in this area include:

- Overpopulation at holding schools
- Walk-in boundaries (reduction in transportation requirements)
- Temporary/interim accommodation
- Transition planning



Study Area

Doon South Boundary Study Area



Current Enrolment and Capacity

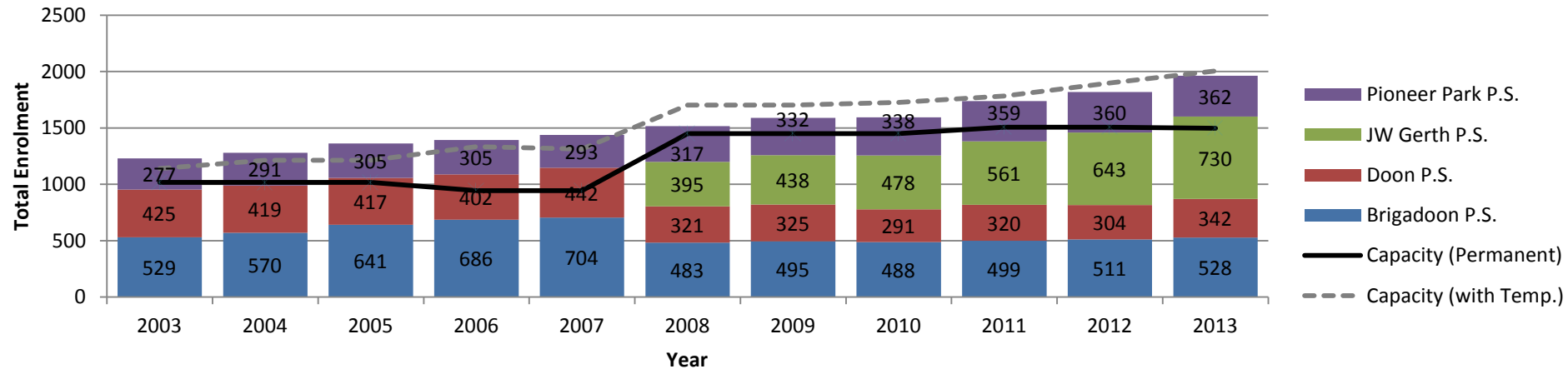
School	Grades	Unofficial Enrolment – September, 2013		Capacity (based on Ministry loading)	Portables	Year Built	Site Size (acres)
		Total	FTE				
Brigadoon P.S.	JK-6	528	477	383	6	1992	9.37
Doon P.S.	7-8	342	342	331	3	1957	13.42
J.W. Gerth P.S.	JK-6	730	730	494	9	2007	4.99
Pioneer Park P.S.	JK-6	362	362	290	4	1977	6.07
Total		1962	1764	1498	22		33.85

FTE refers to Full Time Enrolment – Non-Full Day Kindergarten students counted as half a student because they only use the facilities half the time



Historic Enrolment

Doon South Enrolment by School: 2003-2013

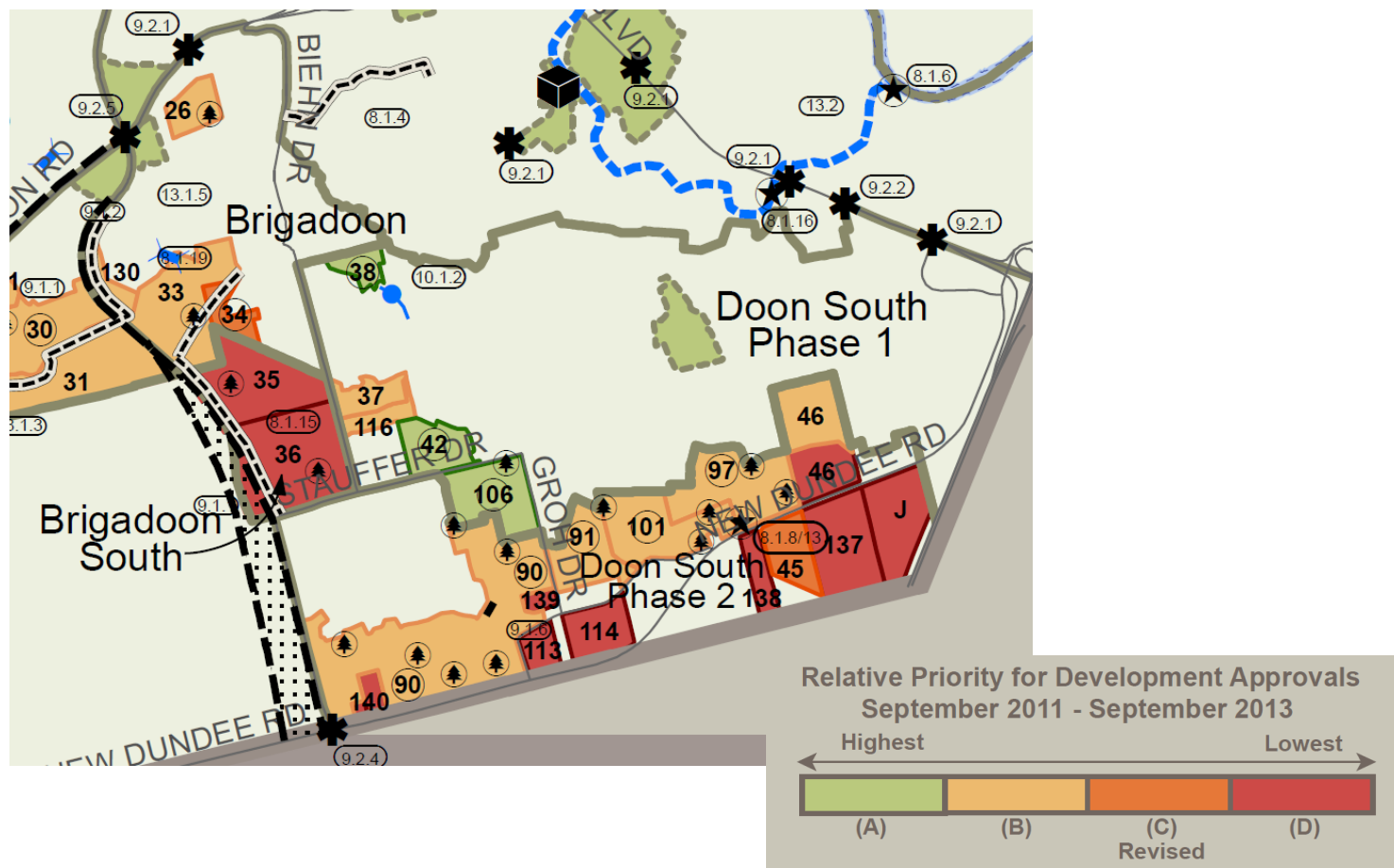


School	Change in Enrolment 2008-2013*
Brigadoon P.S.	9%
Doon P.S.	6%
J.W. Gerth	46%
Pioneer Park P.S.	12%
Total	23%

* In 2008, JW Gerth opened, Brigadoon and Pioneer Park added Gr. 6 and Doon converted from 6-8 to 7-8

Development activity

From the City of Kitchener's Growth Management Plan



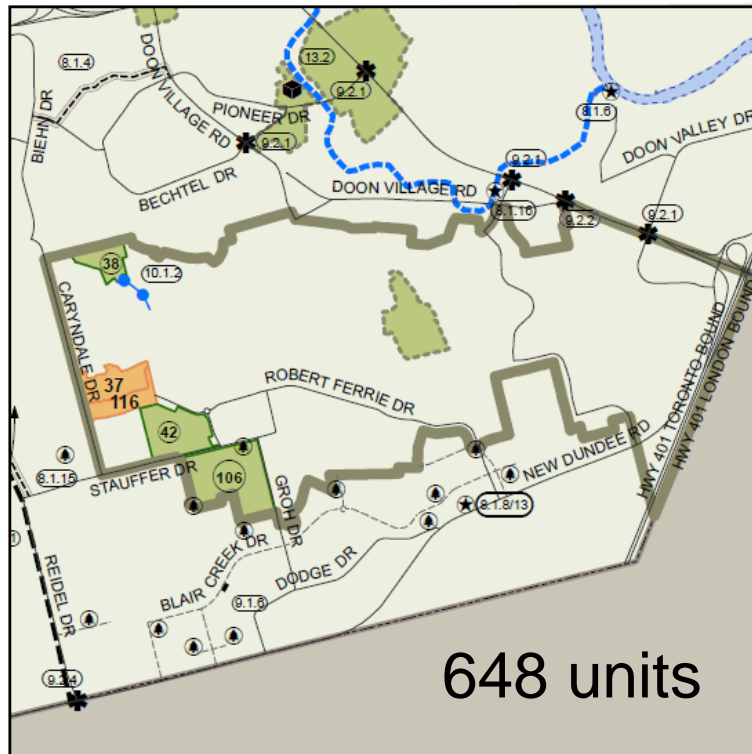
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Development activity – Doon South

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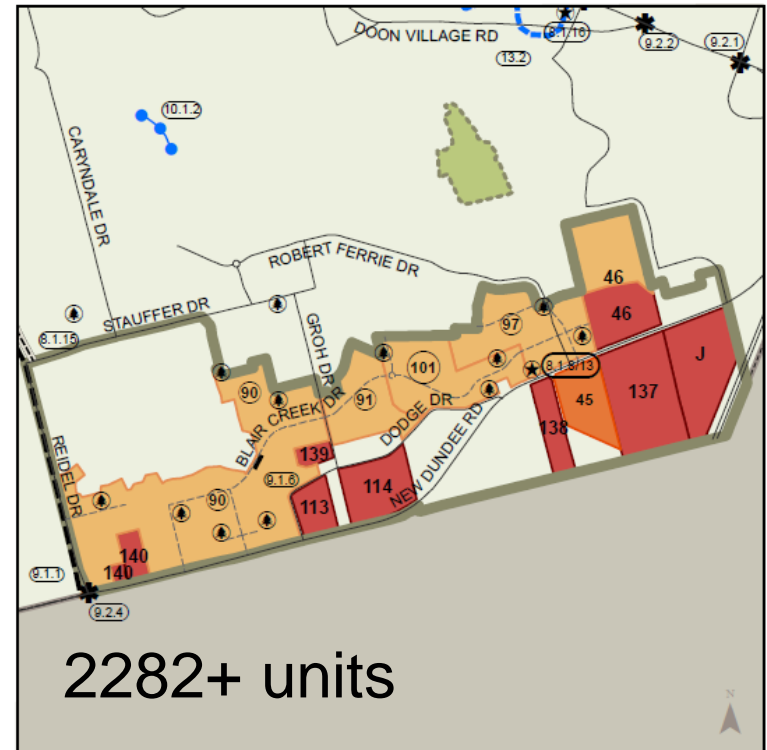
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DOON SOUTH PHASE 2



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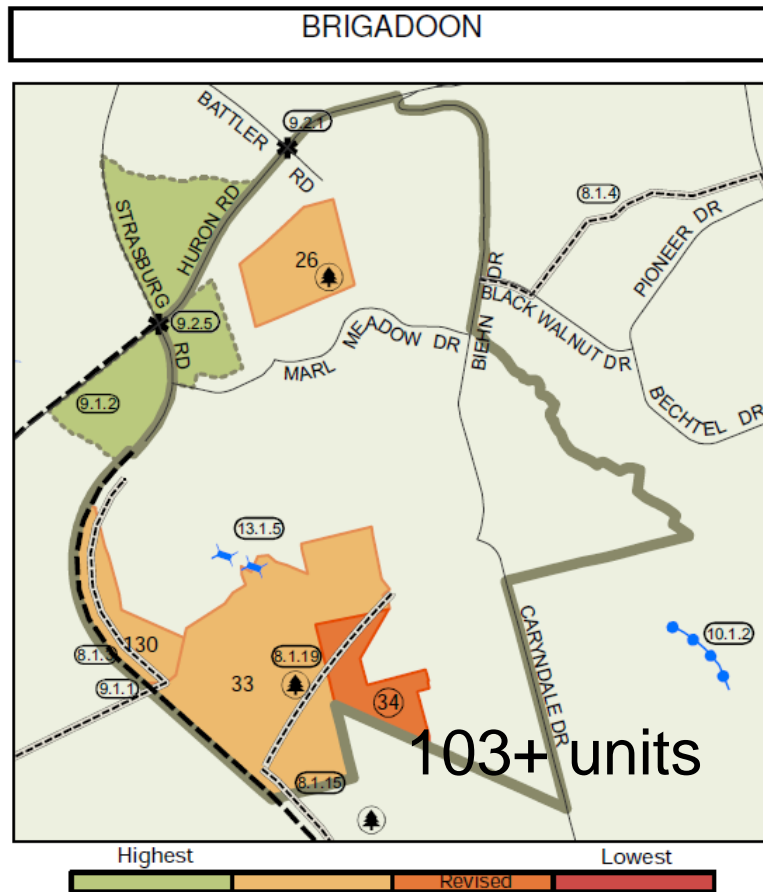
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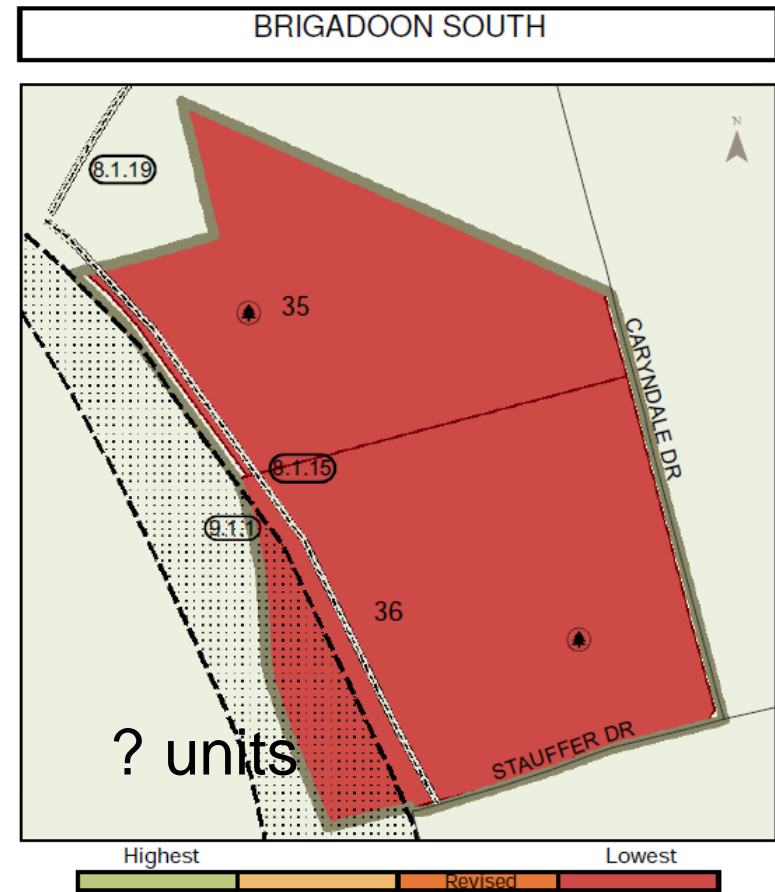
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Development activity - Brigadoon



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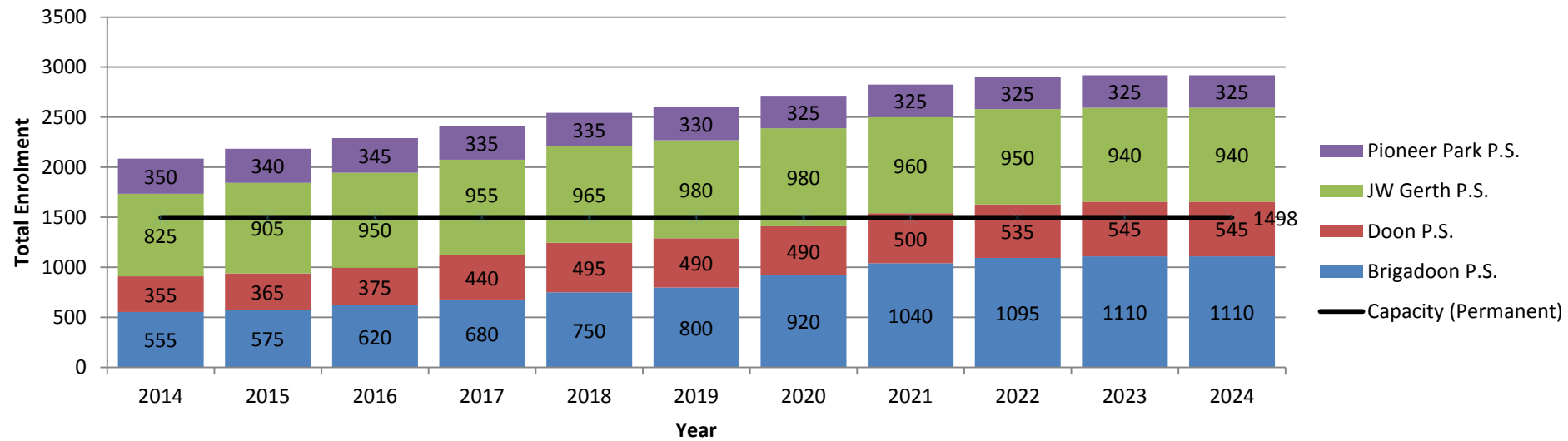


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Projection Area	Proposed # units/# unbuilt units remaining	Appox. Year of 1st phase of Development
A	96	2007/2016
C	184	2018
D	61	Unknown
E	182	2011/2013
G	1792	2014
H	20	Unknown
I	6	Unknown (remaining units)
K	130	2012
L	288	2012
T	33	2006
N	301	2014
O	37	Unknown (remaining units)
Q/R	17	Unknown



Projected Enrolment (Status Quo)

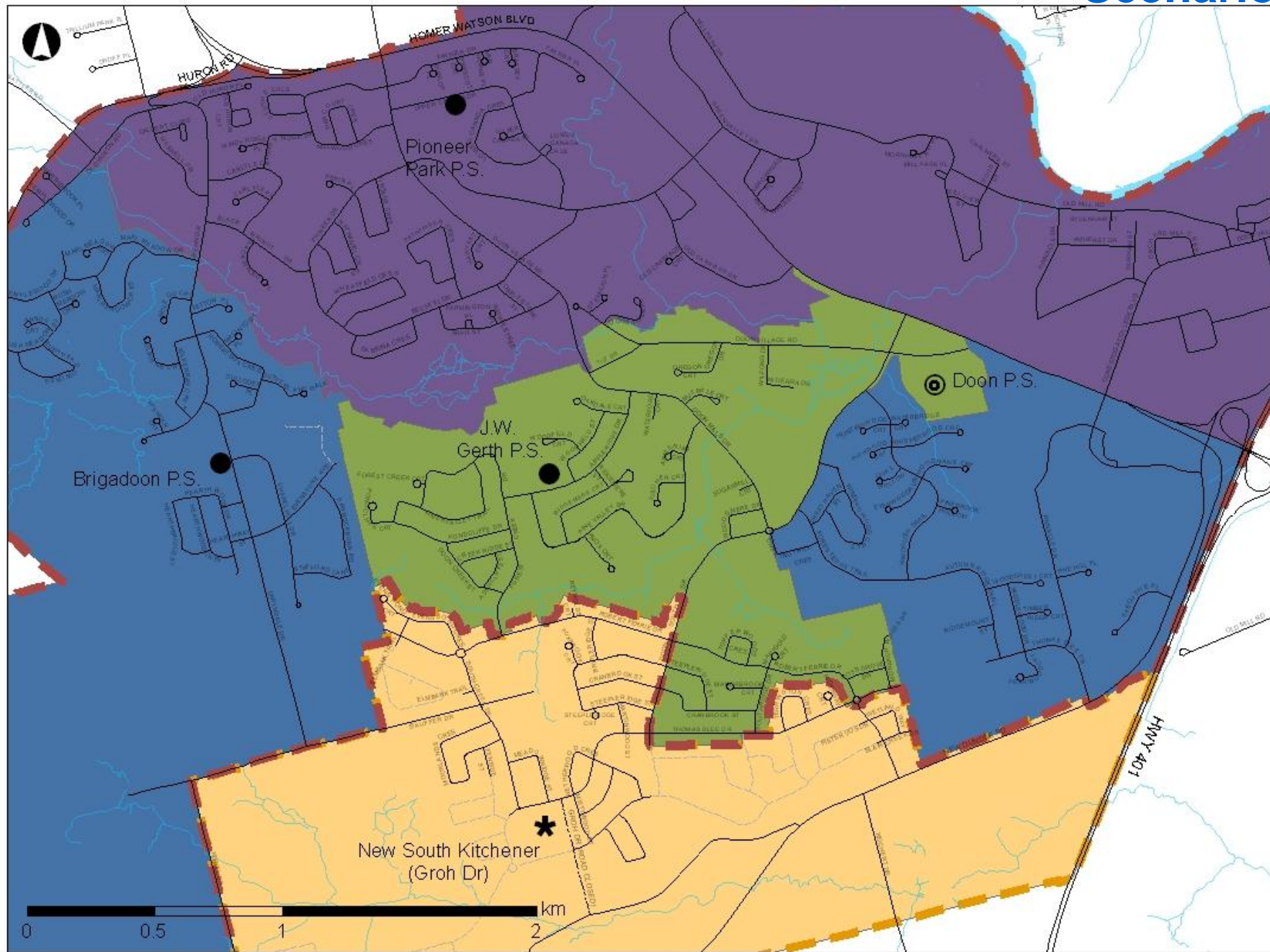


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Draft Goals/Objectives

- To reduce the potential for combined grade classes at schools by moving towards the following criteria (from *Board Policy 3002 - Elementary School Size and Configuration*)
 - JK-6 facilities between 350 and 400 students (approx. 2 classes per grade)
 - JK-8 facilities between 500 and 650 students (approx. 2 classes per grade)
- To establish boundaries that are mid-term (approx. 5 years) and consider:
 - Walking distances (community/neighbourhood-level schools)
 - Efficiency of transportation
 - Capacity of schools
 - Current and future population density and demographics
 - Proximity to other schools
 - Impact on feeder and surrounding schools
- To minimize the impact on students where changes are proposed (consideration for grandparenting, phasing, transitions, etc.)



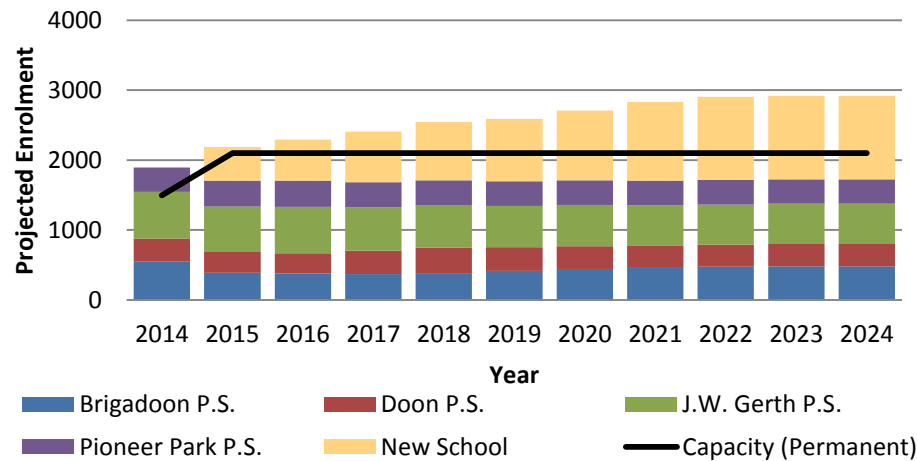


Scenario 1

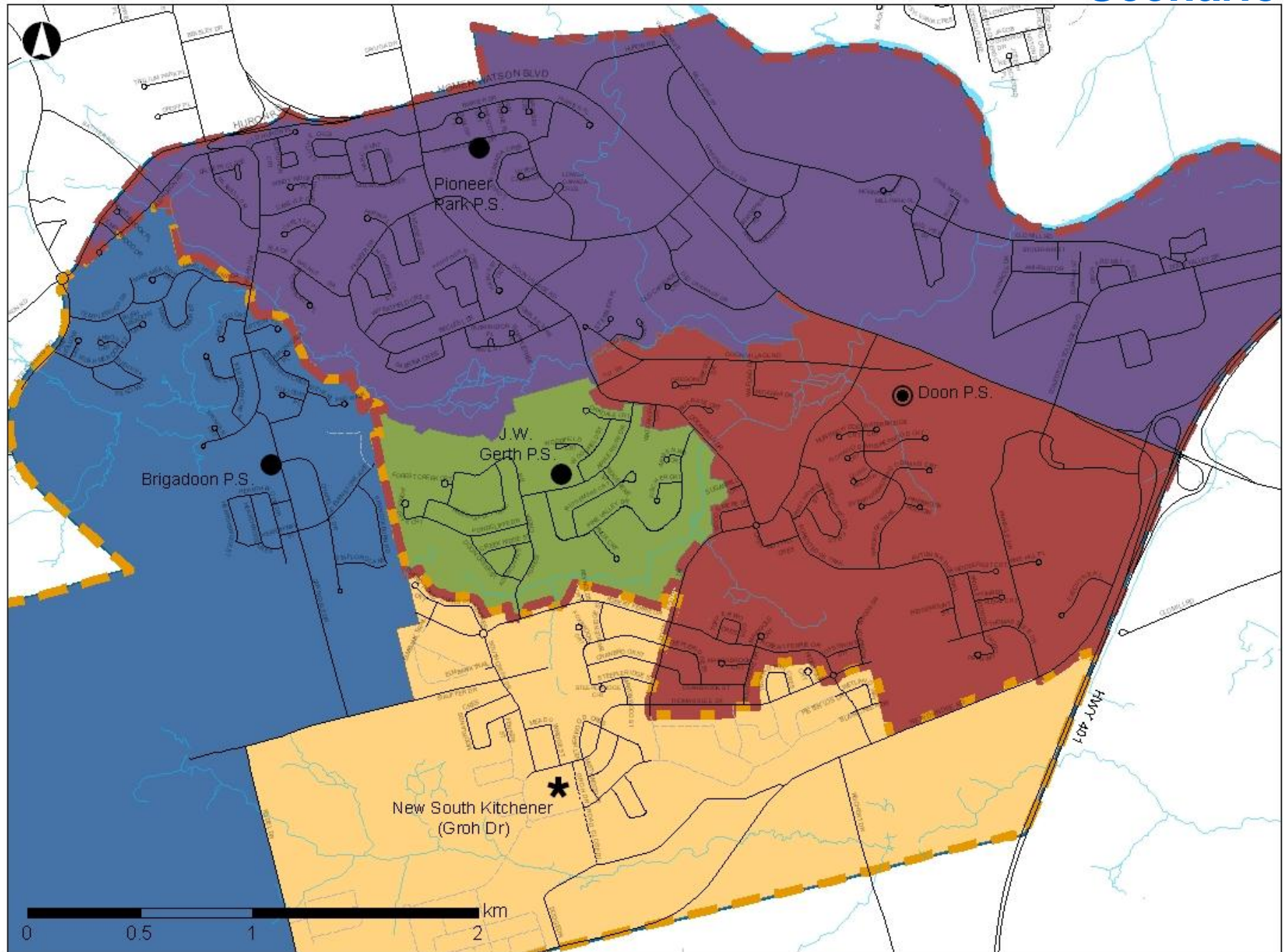
Scenario 1

School	Built Capacity	Grades	Year										
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Brigadoon P.S.	383	JK-6	555	390	380	370	385	415	445	470	475	480	480
Doon P.S.	331	7-8	325	295	290	335	365	340	325	305	315	320	320
J.W. Gerth P.S.	494	JK-6	665	650	660	620	600	590	590	580	575	575	575
Pioneer Park P.S.	290	JK-6	350	370	375	360	360	350	350	350	350	350	350
New School	600	JK-8	0	480	585	720	835	895	1000	1125	1190	1195	1195
Total	2098		1890	2185	2290	2410	2545	2595	2710	2830	2910	2920	2920

Doon South - Scenario 1



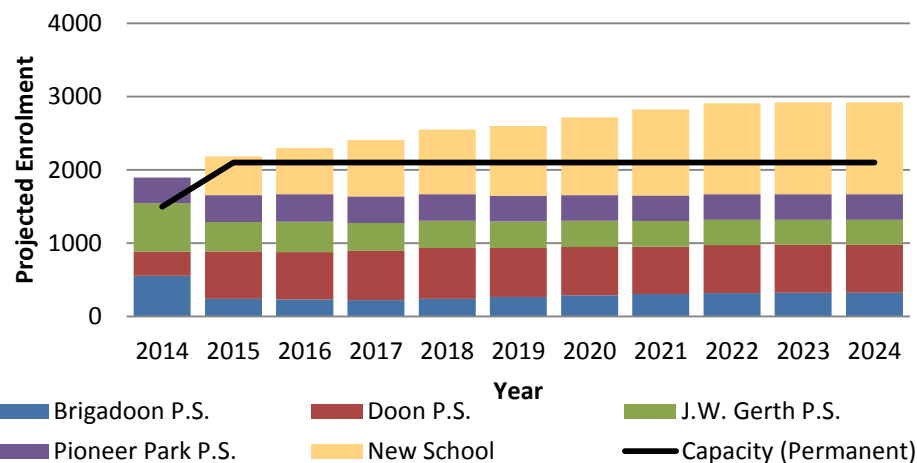
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Scenario 2

School	Built Capacity	Grades	Year										
			2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Brigadoon P.S.	383	JK-6	555	240	230	220	240	265	285	305	315	320	320
Doon P.S.	331	JK-8	325	645	645	675	695	670	660	645	655	655	655
J.W. Gerth P.S.	494	JK-6	665	400	415	380	370	360	360	350	345	340	340
Pioneer Park P.S.	290	JK-6	350	370	375	360	360	350	350	350	350	350	350
New School	600	JK-8	0	525	630	770	885	950	1060	1175	1240	1255	1255
Total	2098		1890	2185	2290	2410	2545	2595	2710	2830	2910	2920	2920

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Boundary Study Timeline

2013

2014



Note: No boundary changes would be implemented prior to September 2014

Meeting Dates

- Working Group # 2: *Thursday October 24, 4:00 pm at Brigadoon P.S.*
- Public Meeting #1:
- Working Group #3:
- Working Group #4:
- Public Meeting #2:



Next Steps

- Confirm objectives
- Refine boundary scenarios based on objectives
- Evaluate scenarios against objectives
- Public/Community meetings



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