



Chair: Trustee Joyce Bennett, City of London

TVDSB Personnel: S. Mark, *Superintendent of Facility Services & Capital Planning*
C. Henriquez, *Manager, Capital Projects*
H. Gerrits, *Manager, Early Years*
C. Kent, *Planner*
L. Cutler, *GIS / Planning Technician*
K. Gleeson, *Administrative Assistant*
L. Luo, *Co-op Student, Planning*

Trustees: L. Pizzolato, City of London

Community Organization and Municipal Representatives in Attendance

Donna Baxter	City of London – Policy and Planning Support
Eileen Smith	London Children's Connection
Gregg Barrett	City of London – Long-range Planning and Sustainability
Gregg Paisley	Child REACH
Kim Wood	HDC London
Nicole Nourse	London Bridge Child Care
Stephen Giustizia	HDC London
Susan Leckie	CAS

TVDSB shared planning information through a PowerPoint presentation. The Presentation outlined Ministry of Education updates, overview of student accommodation planning, overview of capital planning and facility collaboration opportunities.

The meeting included open dialogue on the following topics:

- Public sector collaboration and data / information sharing, establishing open and maintained lines of communication
- Long-term strategic planning in terms of land use planning, policy planning and school board planning and determining the appropriate planning window / time horizon
- Challenges of the current Ministry methodology for assessing business cases and how it related to strategic planning at the City and school board



Listed Community Partners Questions & Discussion Overview

Trustee Bennett: Started discussion by encouraging community partners to view and use the TVDSB planning website.

S. Giutizia: Inquired on if closing Fairmont PS is bound by the current moratorium.

C. Henriquez: Confirmed that Fairmont PS was approved for closure by a Board motion approved before the current moratorium.

S. Giutizia: Asked if there were any schools that are affected by the moratorium.

C. Henriquez: Schools approved for closure through Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review 01 and 02 are not affected as decisions were made in advance of the moratorium becoming effective.

G. Barrett: Discussed the need to establish relationships between TVDSB and community partners. Further discussed the importance of conversations regarding growth and capital planning.

S. Giutizia: Expressed HDC's support in the idea of establishing relationships and speaking about growth and planning in the City of London.

C. Kent: Once TVDSB gets direction from the Ministry it will be easier to determine how to move forward. TVDSB is being pushed to think differently.

G. Barrett: Indicated that looking at pressures for growth and how long these pressures might last might be a good strategy.

C. Kent: TVDSB is looking at long-term strategies and how other boards synthesize their data. Looking to determine what we can learn and do differently. The urban / rural split is unique so other boards with similar dynamics are being contacted.

Trustee Pizzolato: Asked for clarification on when the Ministry will approve a school. Mentioned that the new south east London school may be overcapacity shortly after opening. Wondered why schools are not built bigger.

C. Henriquez: Described that the past Ministry looked at projects using a very short planning window. The Ministry funded schools based on "bums in seats", meaning they would provide funding only for students that are already there. This causes new schools to quickly become overcapacity and require portables to accommodate the growth. When direction is received from the new Ministry, TVDSB is hopeful that we will be able to build schools the right size the first time.

C. Kent: Portables are being used as a reactionary measure and holding zones as a strategic measure. Both planning tools allow for an observation period where staff can monitor growth and development in a community. These approaches support right-sizing initiatives.

Trustee Pizzolato: Reinforced the need for collaboration.

S. Guitizia: Encouraged TVDSB and community partners to work together.