
Administrative Memorandum

Regular Board Meeting

Date: May 10, 2023
Topic: 2024-25 Annual Five Year Capital Plan – Major Capital Projects
Submitted by: Jon Harding, Secretary-Treasurer

Background:

The Board of Education of School District No. 36 (Surrey) received a letter from the Ministry of Education and Child Care (“Ministry”) dated March 9, 2023, requesting that the district submit a Five Year Capital Plan to be considered by the Ministry for capital funding.

In accordance with Ministry instructions, the capital plan includes Major Capital, Building Envelope, and Minor Capital Projects. The three categories are split into three separate submissions. The Capital Plan for Major Capital and Building Envelope Program is to be approved by the Board of Education and submitted to the Ministry by June 30, 2023. The Capital Plan for Minor Capital is to be approved by the Board of Education at a future meeting and submitted to the Ministry by September 30, 2023.

Key highlights of the 2024/25 Annual Five Year Capital Plan – Major Capital Projects

Over the last two years, the Ministry has approved 4 projects to move to design and construction and supported an additional 4 projects to move into the feasibility study stage. Once all of these projects are completed, the new student spaces will provide short term space relief for many school communities. However, enrolment is projected to continue to grow at a significant rate. The 2024/25 Capital Plan addresses projects that, if approved, are targeted to come online starting at the earliest the 2028/29 school year.

The intent of the 2024/25 Annual Five Year Capital Plan – Major Capital Projects is to:

- Support projects that continue to provide new elementary student spaces to address continued developing residential neighborhoods in the Grandview Heights, Clayton, South Newton, City Centre and Anniedale/Tynehead communities. The projects requested are considered the next steps in the district’s long-range plan to accommodate anticipated long-term enrolment growth post-2025 onwards.
- Continue to expand secondary enrolling space that includes construction larger additions to existing secondary schools and a new school and site to serve the Newton Community.
- Focus on long term new school site acquisition.

Summary

The Five Year Capital Plan – Major Capital Projects is requesting a total funding envelope of \$3.17 Billion. The projects identified in the plan are summarized in the table below. Details can be found in Appendix A.

2024-25 Annual Five Year Capital Plan – Major Capital Projects

Major Capital

Project Type	No. of Projects	Total Amount Requested
Seismic Mitigation Projects (SMP)	1	\$ 21,832,000
Additions	22	\$ 1,192,570,000
Replacement (REP)	3	\$ 191,001,000
New Schools	10	\$ 1,166,660,000
Site Acquisitions	14	\$ 602,360,000
Grand Total	50	\$ 3,174,423,000

It is recommended:

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2024-25 Annual Five Year Capital Plan – Major Capital Projects (for the period 2024-25 to 2028-29) for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, as presented.
