

New Elementary School in City Centre -- Boundary Consultation

**Board Meeting
October 9, 2024**

Background

Decision to convert to an elementary school made June 2024.

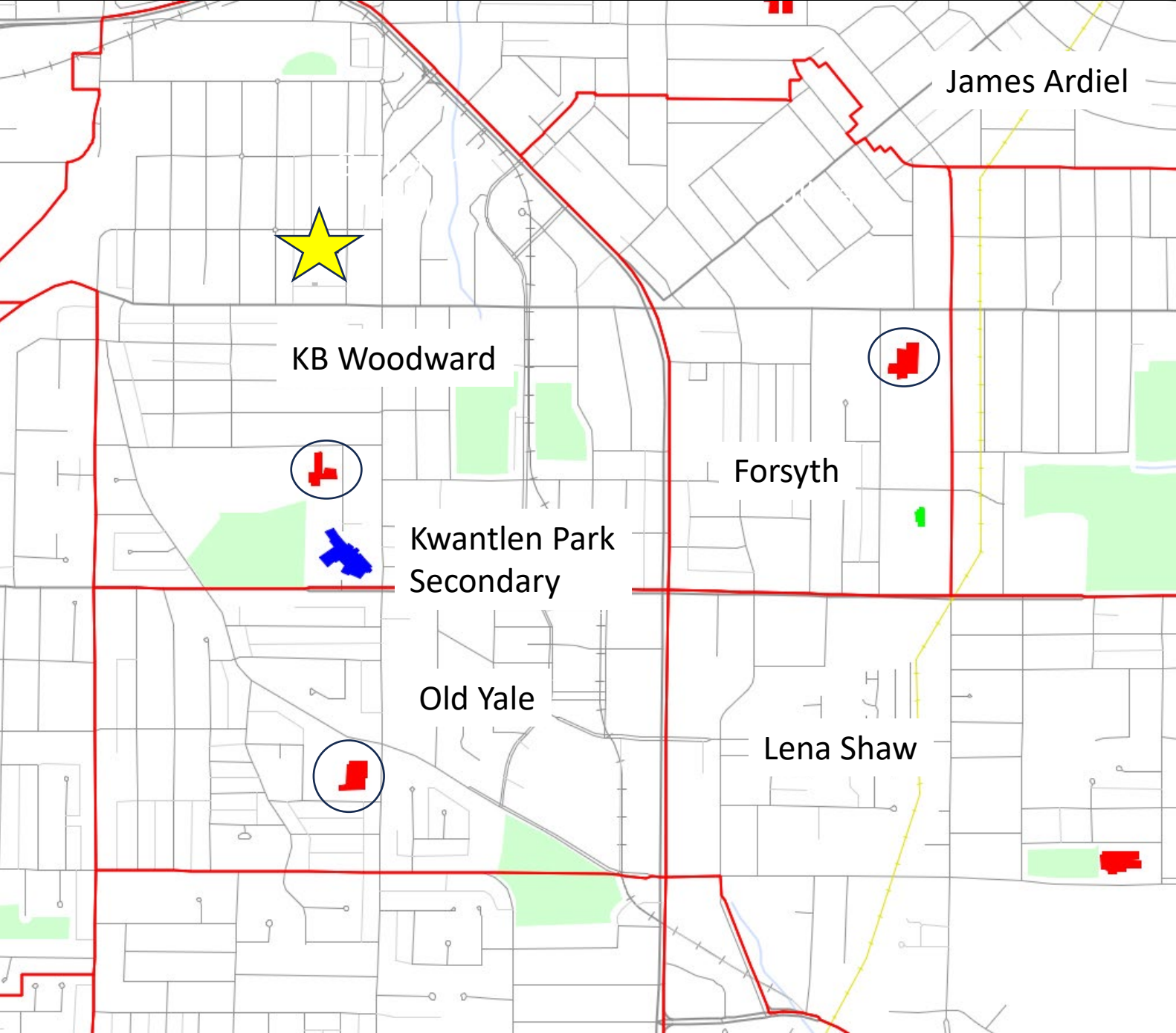
Will be open as elementary as of September 2025.



Nearest Elementary Schools:

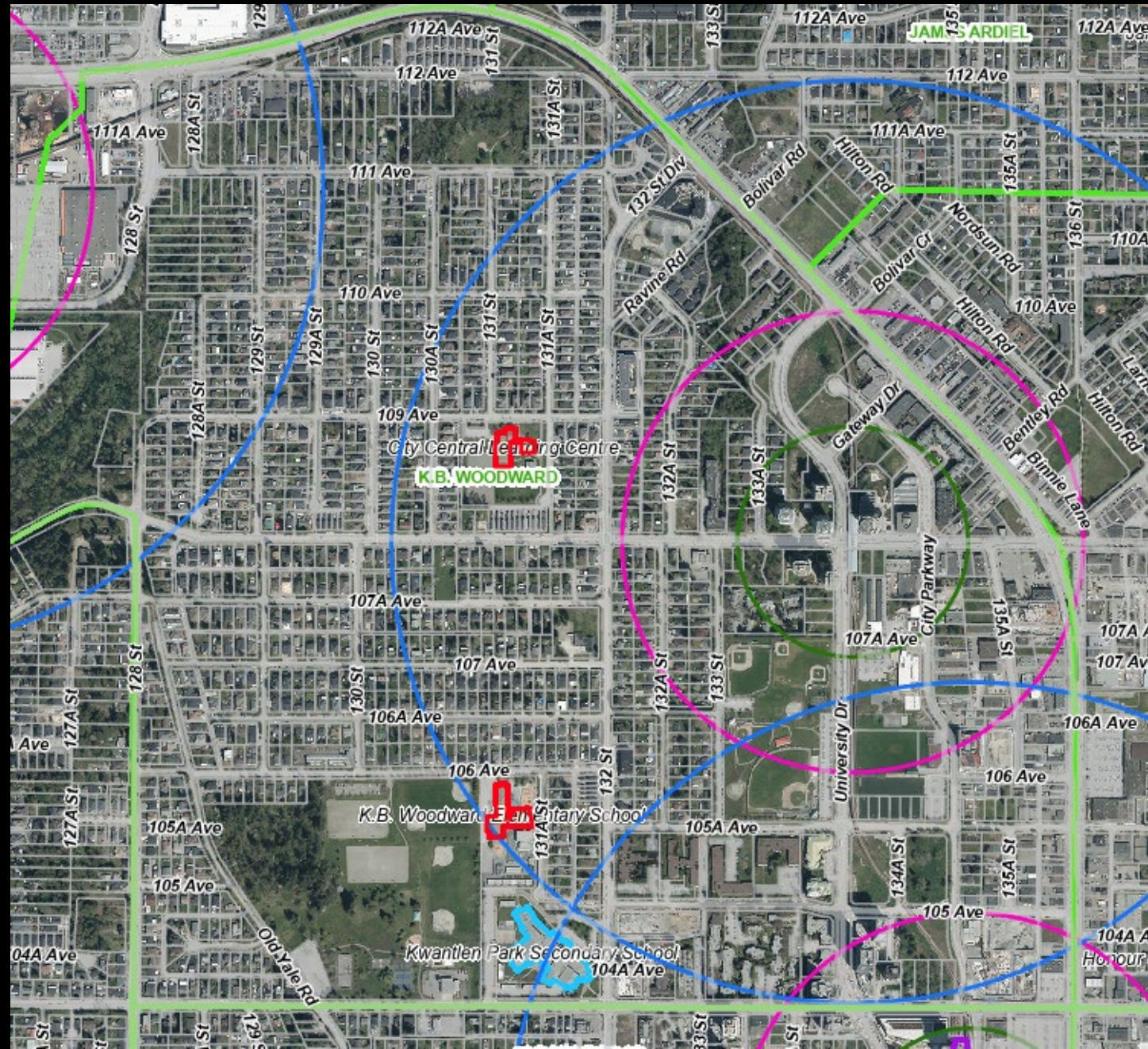
- K.B. Woodward
- Old Yale
- Forsyth Road

New Elementary with the yellow star.



Growth: What do we know about development in the area?

- The City Centre area is growing rapidly.
- Recent Provincial legislative changes are also expected to further densify the City Centre area, especially outside of the core where more family-oriented units are now expected.
- While the enrolment projections provided in this presentation do not fully incorporate these recent changes as the City continues to build new projections, it is nearly certain they will put even more pressure on the existing schools across the City.



The Boundary Considerations

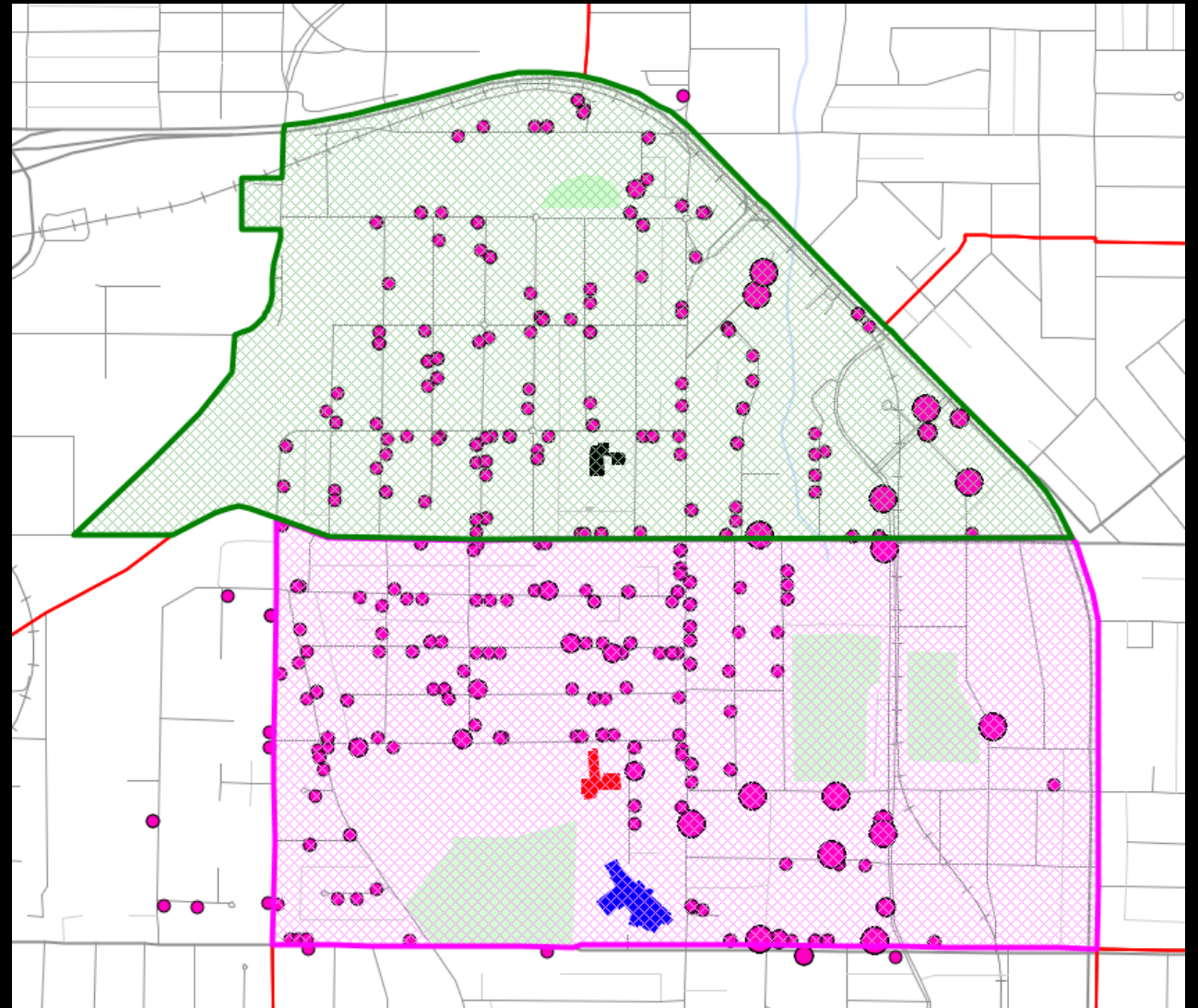
- The new elementary will have a capacity of 325 students.
- Considerations for a new boundary include major arterials King George Blvd & 108th Ave, future development in the area and analysis of where students live and travel to existing schools.
- Finally, consultation with parents, staff and other interested parties.

Guiding Principles

- Keep students as close to their neighbourhood schools as possible
- Provide relief to schools most over capacity now and in the future
- Create boundaries that will stand the test of time and that align with the District's long-range planning
- Boundary considerations should include development applications in process
- Programs of choice to be considered alongside adjustments to neighbourhood catchments

Recommended Boundary

- Map showing where current students who attend KB Woodward live.
- Splitting the boundary at 108th divides the student population to decrease pressure on KB Woodward.
- Students no longer have to cross 108th Ave, which will continue to get busier.
- With the new catchment, grade 7's stay at KB Woodward and families will stay together.



Public Consultation Process



1. Notice of Consultation
2. Information packages sent out to impacted school community family
3. Consultation Period/Feedback Report to the Board
4. Decision

Consultation Outreach



- Information Packages – email and paper
- Social Media and Website
- Community Open House
- Public Consultation will run after the board meeting in October through November 2024.
- Information session will be hosted at:
 - K.B. Woodward Elementary

Milestone Dates

Report to the Board

November 2024

Decision on Catchment

Boundaries

December 2024

Thank you