

New Elem City Centre Catchment Boundary Report Final.docx

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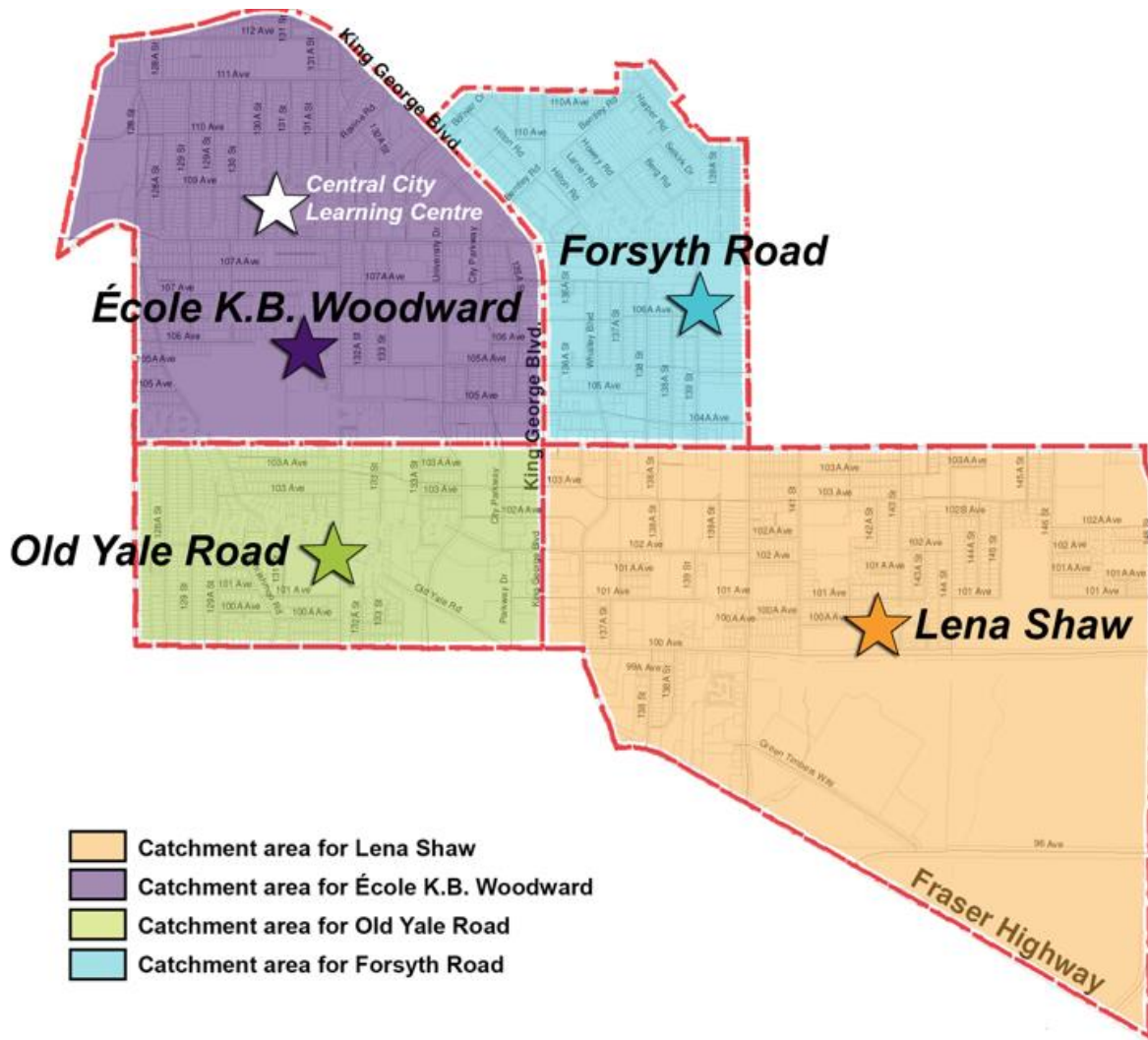
1.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board

1. Receive this report and presentation for information; and
2. Approve the recommended option for boundary changes for the new City Centre Elementary, attached as Appendix I.

2.0 Background

Within the City Centre area, all elementary schools are at or over capacity. Future growth in the area is continuing, with more development under construction and being planned for the overall area. The existing catchments are shown here:



In response to overcapacity and continued growth in City Centre, in June 2024, a new elementary school was approved by the Trustees in the former City Centre Learning Centre. The school is located at 13104 109 Ave. To prepare for that opening a new catchment is required to determine which students will attend the new school.

3.0 Option Development

To begin the process of developing potential options for catchment boundary creation, the following were considered:

- Alignment with Surrey Board of Education policy
 - Policy No. 9200 – School Catchment Areas
 - Regulation 9200.1 – School Catchment Areas
 - Policy 9320 – Registration and Placement of Students
 - Regulation 9320.1 – Registration and Placement of Students
 - Policy No. 8320 – Community Initiated Programs
- Current and projected enrolment
- Review of the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) along with projected residential development and student population growth in conjunction with City of Surrey staff
- Input from school administration
- Input from school staff, parents and the public

Through this, a set of guiding principles were established that included:

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

Through this, one option was presented for community engagement. This option aims to balance enrolment now and in the future (both short term and long term) and reduce the need for temporary space (portables).

4.0 Community Engagement Process

Given the nature of changes to the existing catchment, establishing a new boundary was approached with thoughtfulness and in consultation with those impacted. The following is a summary of the community engagement efforts:

- Presentation to the Board to formally commence public engagement – October 9th, 2024
- Launch of Engagement Process / Information Packages – October 10th, 2024
 - surreyschools.ca news story and information page
 - Online survey (Running for 1 month – October 10th – November 12th)
 - Media Outreach / Press Release
 - Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
- One public open house:
 - October 23rd, 2024 – KB Woodward Elementary

Community engagement efforts were focused around information sharing, presenting the option, providing clarification and seeking feedback. Information from the public open houses, a copy of the materials presented, and a link to a survey was posted on the Surrey Schools website.

5.0 Community Feedback

Feedback Statistics

- Survey Feedback
 - Survey Feedback: 14 responses
- Community Forum Attendance
 - October 23rd, 2024 – KB Woodward Elementary – 20 public and staff.

Survey Response Summary

Of the 14 responses to the survey, there was concern regarding student experience through the transition, certain families with specific needs requesting assistance and concern about the appearance and safety of the new school and school grounds.

At the open house, there was general understanding regarding the need for a new school and adding additional capacity in the area. There were several questions regarding the process of transition, how school culture would be formed, child care and other technical issues that were addressed by staff. There was also concern expressed at the open house regarding the building and grounds. Further follow

up with parents will take place as the process unfolds with the hiring of a new principal to guide most of the transition process. The school and school grounds will be assessed for health and safety, and upgrades to the school, including to the playground and grounds will be prioritized for the school opening.

6.0 Recommendation and Next Steps

Through the consultation period, staff reviewed the feedback from the community engagement process and also gave consideration to:

- The catchment and enrolment implications of potential future funding announcements for new elementary schools and additions in the region.
- Any changes in pace of development/enrolment trends. The school district is working with the City of Surrey to re-examine the unit projections for high growth areas.
- How concerns expressed that involve other agencies will be communicated and managed (e.g., TransLink, City of Surrey).

With the new elementary ready for students as of September 2025, the following is the plan for transitioning students.

Students who currently attend KB Woodward but live in the new catchment

- In September 2025 students in Grades K-6 will transition to the new City Centre Elementary.
- Grade 7 students will not transition to the new City Centre Elementary. These students will complete their Grade 7 year at KB Woodward before moving to secondary school. Siblings of these Grade 7 students can choose to move to the new City Centre Elementary in September 2025 or may choose to remain at their current school until June 2026, and then move to the new City Centre Elementary starting September 2026.

A map detailing the new catchment areas is attached as Appendix I.

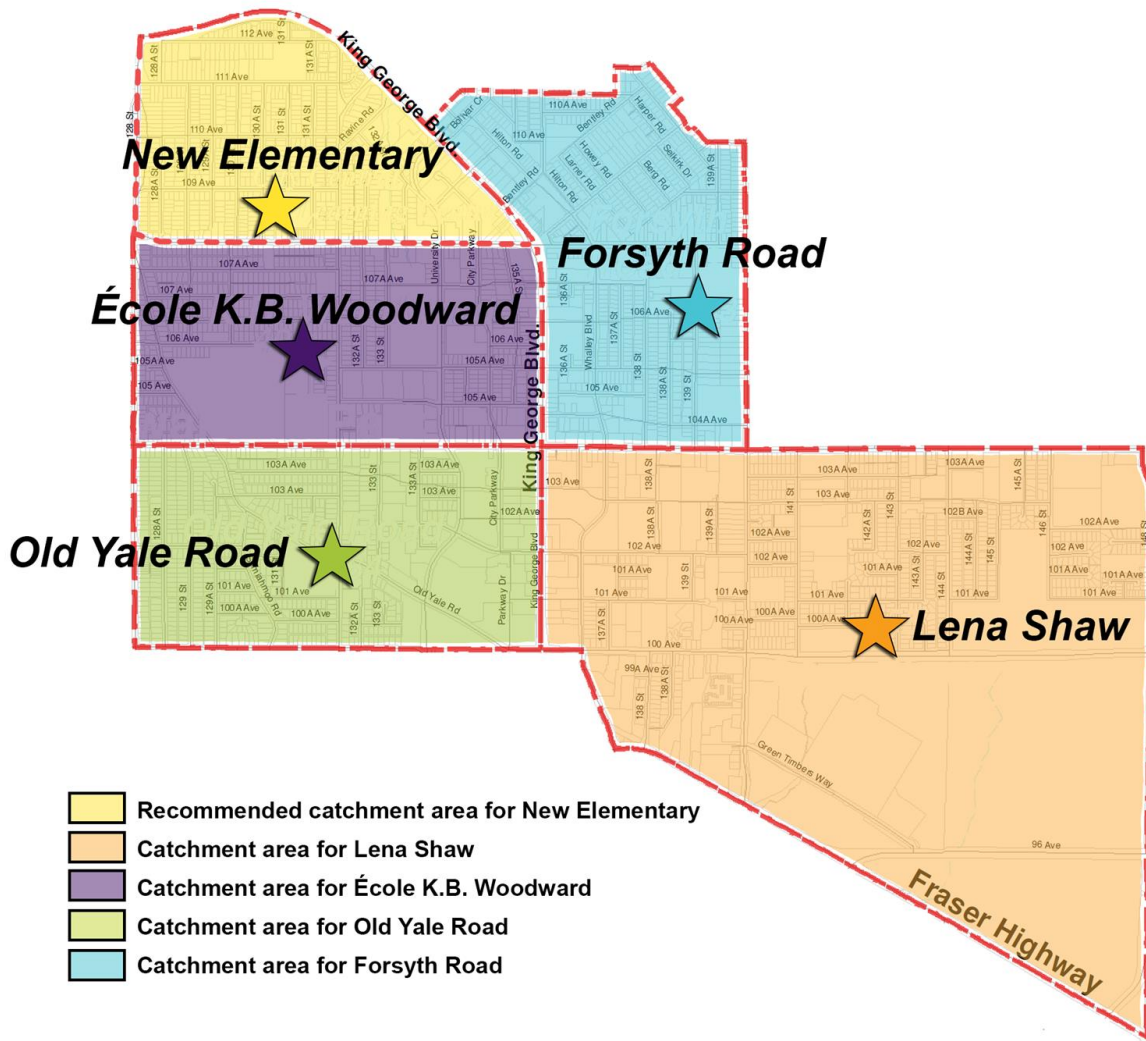
7.0 Conclusion





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Appendix I

Recommended catchment for the new City Centre Elementary.



-  Recommended catchment area for New Elementary
-  Catchment area for Lena Shaw
-  Catchment area for École K.B. Woodward
-  Catchment area for Old Yale Road
-  Catchment area for Forsyth Road