



Minutes

Municipality of Thames Centre Local School Advisory Committee

March 20, 2024, 3:00 P.M.

Municipal Office - Council Chambers
4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON

Members Present:	M. Smibert, Chair/Council Representative S. McMillan, Vice-Chair/Council Representative G. Armstrong, Community Representative K. Brown, Community Representative K. Empey, Community Representative
Members Absent:	N. Delorey, Community Representative K. Hallman, Community Representative S. Taylor, Community Representative
Staff Present::	D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer M. Bancroft, Director of Planning & Development Services S. Henshaw, Recording Secretary
Others Present:	A. Morell, Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) Trustee, Middlesex County

1. Call To Order

Chair Smibert called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. Previous Minutes

Resolution: LSAC-001-2024

Moved by: K. Empey

Seconded by: S. McMillan

THAT the minutes of the Local School Advisory Committee meeting held on December 14, 2023, be received.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

4.1 Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) - 2023/2024 Accommodation Plan

Ms. Morell noted that she is not speaking on behalf of, nor does she represent, the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB). Her opinions are her own as an elected Trustee in Middlesex County, and not necessarily that of the Board.

Ms. Morell presented sections of the 2023/2024 Accommodation Plan pertaining to Middlesex County, consisting of the following topics:

- Accommodation Plan - Overview
- Business Cases submitted to the Ministry of Education's 2023-2024 Capital Priorities Program
- Middlesex County - Elementary Schools by School Code
- Regional Snapshot - Middlesex County
- Planning Area 13 - North Middlesex
- Planning Area 14 - West Middlesex
- Planning Area 15 - Southwest Middlesex
- Planning Area 16 - Central Middlesex
- Planning Area 17 - East Middlesex
- 2022 New Dwelling Permits Across the District
- 23/24 List of School Facilities Meeting Minimum Criteria for Facility Collaboration
- 23/24 Mapping of Potential Collaboration and Co-Build Opportunities
- Growth Across Thames Valley
- Methods and Assumptions - Ministry of Education On-the-Ground Capacity for School Facilities
- Appendix: 23/24 Accommodation Plan Data Tables
 - Elementary Panel
 - Secondary Panel

The Committee inquired about the following:

- Possibility for joint usage of school facilities
- Thames Centre circulating development applications to TVDSB

Ms. Morell answered the Committee's questions, and discussed the following:

- Upcoming Community Collaboration and Partnership Meeting
- Helpful for municipalities to provide information to Trustees on where growth is happening - important for Trustees to have in-depth information about the communities they serve to make informed decisions.
- Budget process -
 - TVDSB is in a deficit position
 - Various contributions to overall deficit include casual salary expense increases, CPP increases, overstaffing, maintaining two streams of learning (in-person and virtual), special education, one-off expenses, etc.
 - New accounting requirement - asset retirement obligations

The Committee inquired about the following:

- When cuts will be made
- Breakdown of contributions to the deficit
- How TVDSB is addressing teachers calling in sick, etc.

Ms. Morell answered the Committee's questions.

The Director of Planning and Development Service answered the Committee's questions.

5. Reports of Staff

5.1 LSAC-004-23 - Summary - Interactive Webinar on School Closures

The Director of Planning and Development Services provided a brief overview of Report No. LSAC-004-23, which was included in the previous meeting agenda (December 14, 2023).

6. Committee Business

No items.

7. Correspondence

No items.

8. Unfinished Business

No items.

9. New Business

No items.

10. Scheduling of Meetings

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss it was:

Resolution: LSAC-002-2024

Moved by: K. Brown

Seconded by: G. Armstrong

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 4:12 p.m.

Carried.