

New Bradford Public School

Information Meeting

February 19, 2019



Background

- Tonight's meeting is intended to provide an update on the status of the new school, provide information on what to expect next, and to begin collecting feedback.
- No decisions on student accommodation have yet been made.
- The Ministry of Education approves and funds the construction of new schools and additions to existing schools. School boards are required to submit business cases to justify the need for new school space. School boards cannot self-fund new projects or proceed with construction of new schools without the Ministry's approval.
- New schools in the Bradford area have been a priority for the Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) since 2011, when the board made its first request for Chris Hadfield Public School.
- Most recently, in 2017 the Board of Trustees approved two new Bradford public schools and one new Bradford secondary school as priorities. Staff submitted business cases to the Ministry of Education for funding and approval.

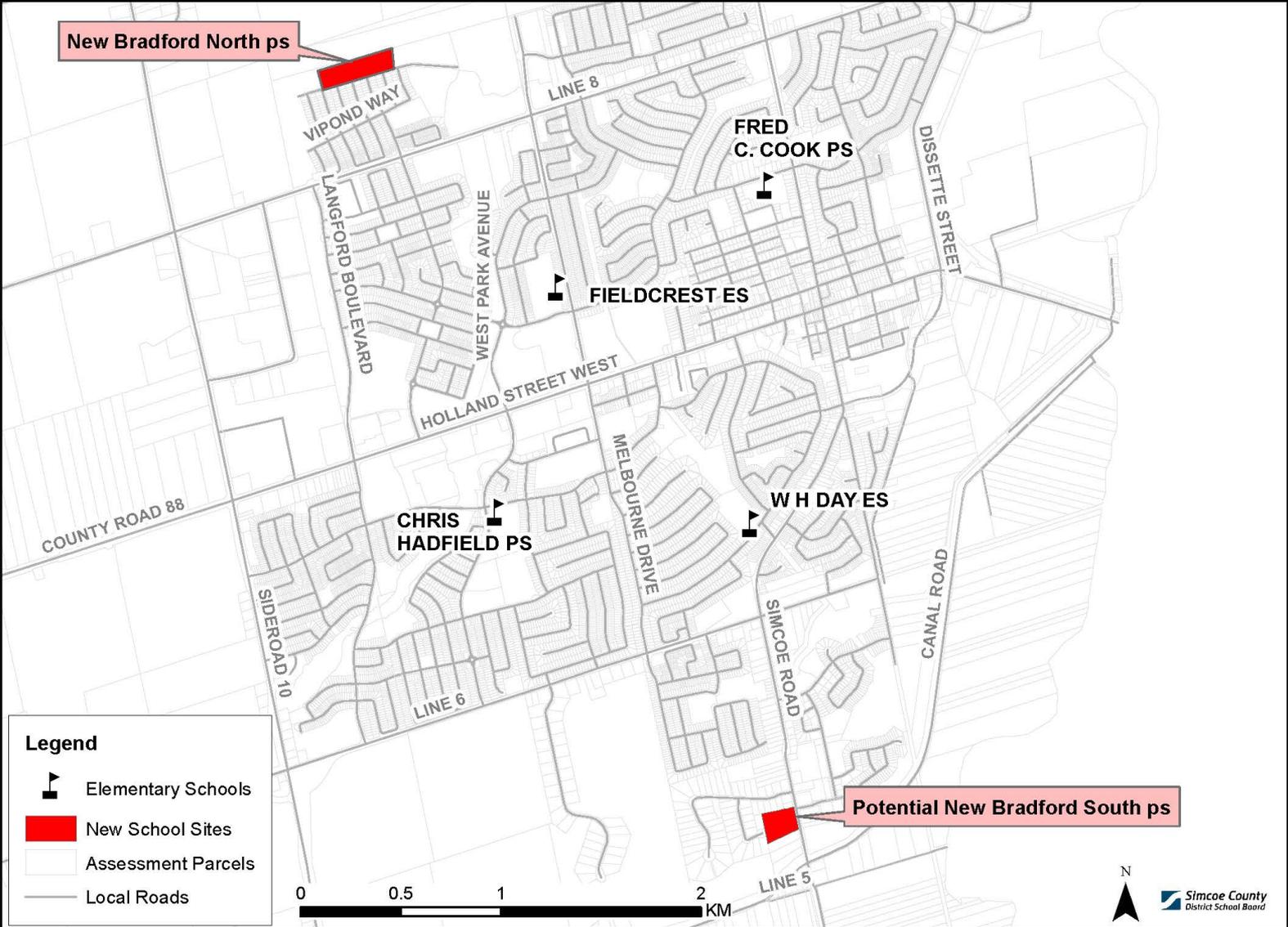
Background

- In January 2018, the Ministry of Education approved one new 501 capacity elementary school for Bradford north.
- The Ministry of Education also approved the inclusion of a two room child care centre as part of the project.
- Subsequent to funding approval, the Board of Trustees approved that a review commence in 2018-2019 to examine the future accommodation of students.
- Since mid-2017, the Ministry of Education has not asked school boards for their capital priority business cases.

New School Status

- The Bradford north school site is owned by the SCDSB and is located on the north side of Crossland Boulevard, between Rogers Trail and Kidd Street.
- The site is approximately seven acres and is adjacent to residential and future employment land uses.
- An architect has been selected and preliminary design has commenced.
- The target opening date of the school is September 2022.
- An additional elementary site has been acquired in the south end of Bradford in anticipation of a future school if/when approvals are granted.
- The SCDSB is also in the process of identifying and securing a secondary school site.

School Location



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Current Accommodation Pressures

Current and Projected Enrolment and School Utilization

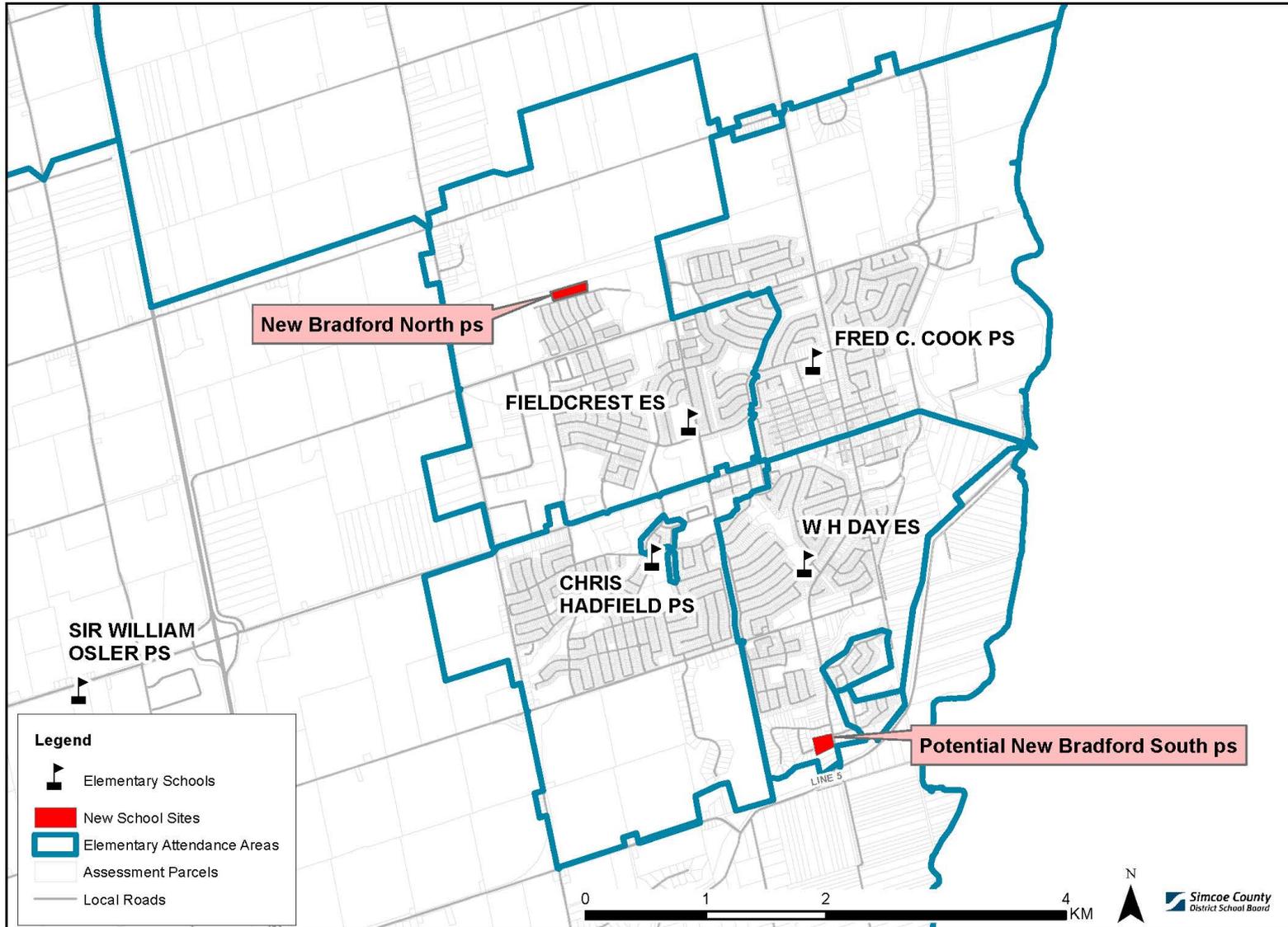
School	Capacity	Current Portables	2018		2019		2024	
			Enrolment	Utilization	Enrolment	Utilization	Enrolment	Utilization
Chris Hadfield PS	501	13	803	160%	867	173%	1057	211%
Fieldcrest ES	516	15	858	166%	896	174%	993	192%
Fred C. Cook PS	412	5	481	117%	503	122%	554	134%
Hon Earl Rowe PS	219	0	187	85%	202	92%	224	102%
Sir William Osler PS	173	0	133	77%	151	87%	172	99%
WH Day ES	559	9	767	137%	810	145%	982	176%
Total	2380	42	3229	136%	3429	144%	3982	167%

WH Day ES currently accommodates the French Immersion and Extended French as a Second Language (EFSL) programs. Combined, approximately 340 students are enrolled in these programs.

Interim Planning

- Attendance area changes are not currently being recommended at this time as the opening of the new school is three school years away.
- In the meantime, existing attendance boundaries will remain the same for all elementary schools in and around Bradford.
- The accommodation pressures will continue to be addressed in the following ways:
 - portables will continue to be used where possible;
 - new subdivisions will be considered on a case by case basis to hold at neighbouring schools with available space or the ability to accommodate portables;
 - all Bradford area schools to be closed to Out of Attendance Area applications.

Current Attendance Areas



Future Objectives

- Create an attendance area for the new school.
- Balance school enrolments to meet their capacities and minimize the need for portables at any school.
- Create sustainable and stable school populations.
- Accommodate specialized programming.
- Prepare for additional future growth.

Next Steps and Timelines

- Begin collecting community feedback.
- Continue with design, with construction expected to commence in 2020.
- Continue to monitor enrolment and residential development.
- Recommendations regarding attendance areas need to be approved by the Board of Trustees no later than the March prior to the school opening.
- The SCDSB will provide further opportunities for consultation and engagement once proposed accommodation strategies are developed.
- The next public information meeting will be held during the next school year (2019-2020).
- In the meantime, the SCDSB will keep the communities updated on the progress of the project through your school principal and school council, the board website, social media and media releases.

Contacts and Further Information

Submit comments and feedback to Planning_Bradford@scdsb.on.ca

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