

New Oro-Medonte Public School

Information Meeting

January 29, 2019

Background

- Tonight's meeting is intended only 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.
- In 2017, the Board approved a new Oro-Medonte public school as a priority and submitted a business case to Ministry of Education for funding and approval.
- In March 2018, the Ministry of Education approved a new 357 capacity school for Oro-Medonte.
- The Ministry of Education also approved the inclusion of an EarlyON Child and Family Centre as part of the project.
- Subsequent to funding approval the Board approved that a review commence in 2018-19 to examine the future accommodation of students.

Background – Accommodation Pressures

Current and Projected Enrolment and School Utilization

School	Capacity	Current Portables	2018		2019		2024	
			Enrolment	Utilization	Enrolment	Utilization	Enrolment	Utilization
Forest Hill Public School	409	9	642	157%	657	161%	643	157%
Guthrie Public School	406	3	479	118%	480	118%	518	128%
W.R. Best Public School	222	8	393	177%	396	178%	366	165%
Total	1037	20	1514	146%	1533	148%	1527	147%

Forest Hill Public School currently accommodates the French Immersion and Extended French as a Second Language (EFSL) programs. Combined, approximately 290 students are enrolled in these programs.

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 (French Immersion, EFSL).
- Prepare for future growth.

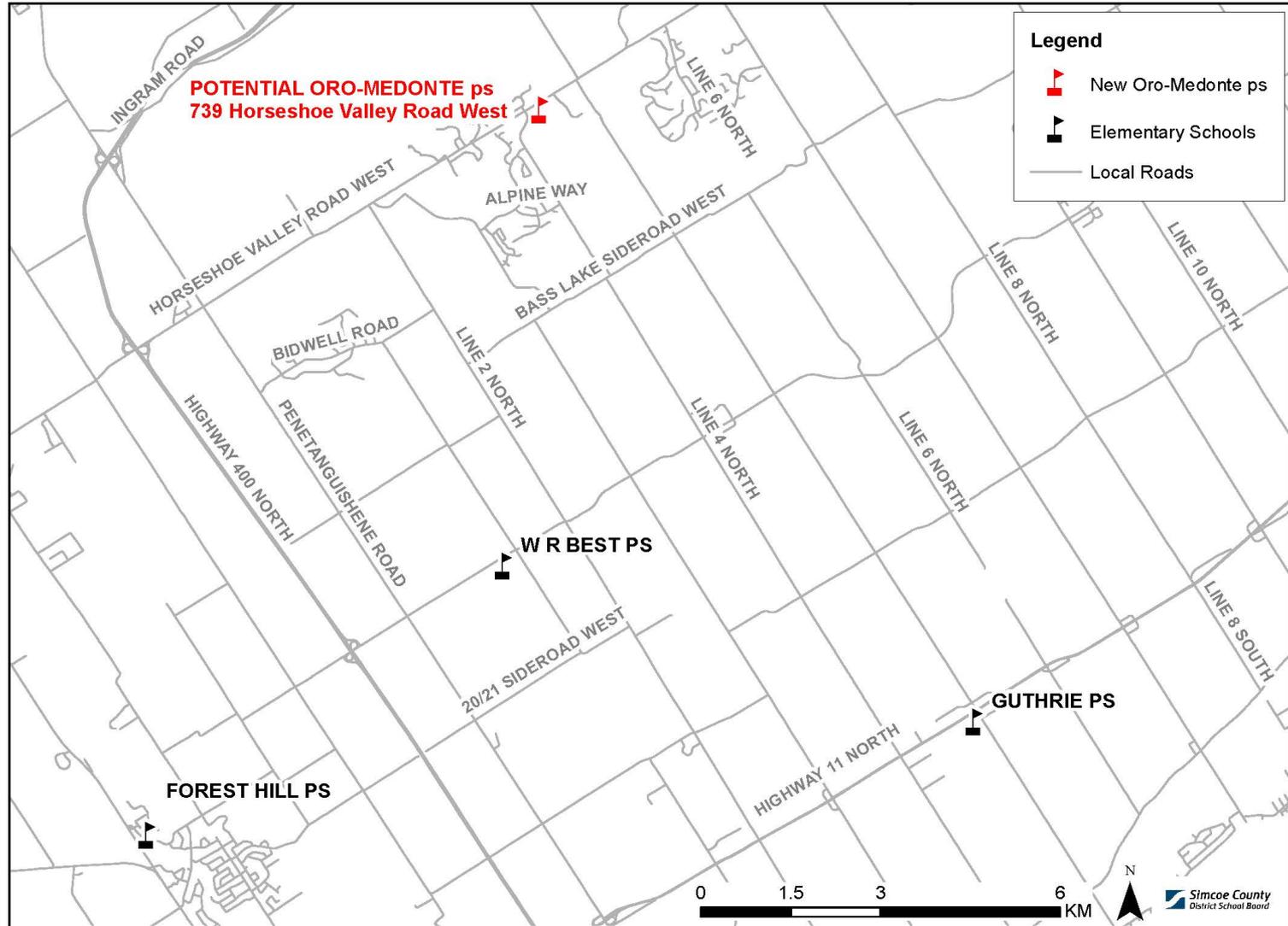
Partnership Status

- In 2017, the SCDSB formalized facility partnership discussions with the Township of Oro-Medonte in the development and exploration of a potential community hub with a school.
- Township staff have identified the need for community recreation facilities with a primary focus on gymnasium space, multi-use indoor space and outdoor facilities.
- Aligning an elementary school and other child and family services with these facilities, and existing community facilities would form the basis of a viable community hub.
- The SCDSB and Township have reached an agreement in principle and are now working through the details to establish a formal agreement in the development of the hub.
- Note that the proposed scope of the community facility components is being reviewed and established under a separate process led by the Township of Oro-Medonte.

New School Status

- The SCDSB and Township of Oro-Medonte, identified Township owned property located adjacent to the intersection of Horseshoe Valley Road and Line 4 North (739 Horseshoe Valley Road West) as the preferred location.
- Various studies are in the process of being finalized in order to verify the feasibility of the site including:
 - Archeological
 - Topographical
 - Environmental Impact Study
 - Traffic Impact Study
- The site is approximately 20 acres and is adjacent to a municipal park and other community services.
- Request for Proposals (RFP) for architects in order to commence with design will be released in February 2019.
- The target opening date of the school is September 2022.

Preferred Location



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Next Steps and Timelines

- Formalize the school location and partnership agreement with the Township of Oro-Medonte.
- Commence design and construction with a targeted opening date of September 2022.
- Recommendations need to be approved by the Board of Trustees no later than March prior to the opening of the new school.
- The SCDSB will monitor the progress of the construction, enrolment trends and further residential development.
- Further consultations, which will include proposed boundaries and program locations, will be held when appropriate.
- Recommendations on new boundaries and program locations may not be made until the 2021-2022 school year.

Next Steps and Timelines

- No changes to existing attendance areas are expected until the opening of the new school.
- 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.
- Community feedback will be collected throughout the process.

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Along with regular communications via your school and SCDSB social media, more information will be made available on the SCDSB website at www.scdsb.on.ca, under 'About', 'Capital Planning'.