

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ENGLISH
MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD HELD IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL ON THE
TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JUNE TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Launch of Major School Change Consultation (2019-2020)

WHEREAS by virtue of Resolution # 19-06-20-3 the Council of Commissioners of the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) agreed to launch a Major School Change Consultation on June 26, 2019 to evaluate how best to organize and consolidate its school populations and buildings in the north east end of the EMSB territory;

WHEREAS the EMSB Council would finalize its decisions pertaining to the Major School Change by the end of January 2020;

WHEREAS the Major School Change Consultation will consider, amongst other options:

- the potential closure and/or transfer of John Paul I, Gerald McShane and General Vanier;
- the potential transfer of the Lester B. Pearson High School to a new and appropriately sized school building.

WHEREAS by virtue of the said resolution, the Council of Commissioners also agreed to launch a 30-day consultation for cohabitation, for the school year 2019-2020, with the Commission scolaire de la Pointe-de-l'Île (CSPI) at Laurier Macdonald High School, Lester B. Pearson High School, General Vanier School and Gerald McShane School;

WHEREAS Resolution # 19-06-20-3 was adopted by the Council of Commissioners in order to avoid the transfer of any of the three targeted schools by the Minister of Education and to allow the EMSB to properly consult its communities;

WHEREAS the EMSB is committed to offering the highest quality education possible with the resources allocated;

WHEREAS the EMSB *Policy on Maintenance or Closure of Schools* (DG-18) provides for a process of consultation with its community prior to implementing any change to the level of instruction or closure of a school;

IT WAS MOVED BY MR. J. LALLA AND RESOLVED, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee:

THAT the scenarios described in the consultation document dated June 26, 2019, entitled Major School Change Consultation Proposal 2019-2020, be addressed through a Major School Change Consultation, which, among other outcomes, may result in change of programs or cycles (grade levels) offered in a school, repurposing of a building, reconfiguration of attendance zones, modification to buildings, transfer of staff and students, school closure, changes to transportation networks, revocation and/or amendments to Deeds of Establishment and changes to the Board's *Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables*;

THAT said process be done according to the timeline laid out in the consultation document, including:

- December 16, 2019: final day for submission of briefs;
- January 8 and 9, 2020: public consultation meetings/hearings;
- January 15, 2020 (but no later than January 30, 2020): final decision by the Council of Commissioners.

THAT the Governing Boards of the schools and centres listed in the consultation document be consulted in accordance with sections 40 and 101 of the *Education Act*;

THAT the Parents' Committee, the Special Needs Advisory Committee, as well as any municipality or boroughs whose territory is situated entirely or partially within the Board's own territory, also be consulted;

THAT the consultative process be conducted in such a manner as to encourage the participation of, and input from, all Board stakeholders including all consultee associations, unions, community groups, municipalities and individuals;

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a 30-day consultation process for the purpose of cohabitation with the CSPI be launched, for the school year 2019-2020, with the following members of the EMSB community:

- a. the Laurier Macdonald High School Governing Board (9 to 15 classes);
- b. the Lester B. Pearson High School Governing Board (up to 15 classes);
- c. the General Vanier Elementary School Governing Board (8 classes);
- d. the Gerald McShane Elementary School Governing Board (8 classes);
- e. the EMSB Parents Committee (EMSBPC).

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the consultation period ends July 29, 2019 and that a Special Board meeting be scheduled for July 31st, 2019 at which time the consulted partners may share the highlights of their briefs and a final decision will be made by the Council of Commissioners.

IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Deeds of Establishment of the EMSB schools and centres implicated be amended accordingly;

FINALLY, IT WAS STILL FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the municipalities and boroughs implicated be consulted and the EMSB's Three Year Plan be amended accordingly.

VOTE: 14-1-0, Adopted (Ms. S. Lo Bianco against)

Resolution #19-06-26-6

CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct extract from the Minutes of a special meeting of the ENGLISH MONTREAL SCHOOL BOARD held on June 26, 2019.



Me Nathalie Lauzière, Secretary General
English Montreal School Board

June 27, 2019