



Board Highlights

March 9, 2022

Trustees (left to right):

Vice Chair Melissa Copley, Linda Wagers, De Anne Hutchison, Sherry Cooper, Chair Holly Bilton, Terry Leslie, Jackie Swainson, Kathy Kemmere, Gord Kerr

Chinook's Edge Capital Plan 2023-2026:

The Board of Trustees approved the 2023-2026 Capital Plan, which outlines the division's most pressing needs: 1) new 500 capacity Penhold Middle School; 2) new 600 capacity Grade 10-12 high school in Sylvan Lake (with future expansion to 800 capacity); 3) new 400 capacity K-5 elementary school in Olds; 4) new 500 capacity K-8 Liberty Landing school. The report will be filed with the provincial government and will be made available on the division [website](#).

Transportation Quarterly Update:

Increasing costs of fuel and general materials is beginning to impact both the Transportation and Facilities budgets. As well, seven new buses (two wheelchair and five 72 passenger buses) that were expected to be delivered at the beginning of the year have not yet arrived due to microchip and parts shortages. Delivery is now expected in mid-April. The Board directed the Superintendent to provide a review of the division's current procurement practices before the end of May, including information on AUMA and RMA practices.

Facilities and Maintenance Committee:

The Board was provided an update on special projects and ongoing maintenance work that is ensuring the division's schools and facilities are operating efficiently and safely. One example of efficiencies is a new approach to roofing, instigated by Director Darrel Dyvig, that has all buildings scheduled on a roofing update and maintenance timeline. This has reduced costs and ensures modern safety measures. Trustees also voiced deep gratitude for the work of caretakers throughout the division in maintaining safe and productive school settings.

COVID Update:

The March 1st lifting of government restrictions has gone well to date. Division Office will continue to provide PPE until the end of the school year, including KN95 masks and rapid tests for staff, hand sanitizers and extra cleansers for classrooms.

Staff Professional Development and Student Field Trips:

The Board passed a motion allowing staff professional development and student field trips within Canada to resume.

Meetings with Municipalities:

The Board of Trustees strives to connect regularly with municipal governments which serve Chinook's Edge communities. Trustees discussed joint items of priority to bring forward to upcoming meetings with the Town of Innisfail and the Town of Sylvan Lake.

The next meeting of the Board of Chinook's Edge School Division is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

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