

# Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools

## Facility and Capital Plan for 2013-2016 - Update

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### *Update - January 22, 2013*

The Board was advised that capital projects need to be ranked in order of priority and the following motion was made to address the updating of the existing Capital Plan.

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on January 21, 2013, the following MOTION was passed:

***THAT the Board of Trustees support the Capital Plan Priorities as outlined on the BLIMS Project Submission Form for 2013-2016, as follows:***

- 1. Modernization of SACHS***
- 2. New Morinville Elementary School***
- 3. Three School Partnership***
- 4. K-9 School in Erin Ridge, St. Albert***
- 5. Modernization of VJM***

This information has been updated and submitted to Alberta Education electronically as outlined in the requirements to school jurisdictions.

### *Original Report – November 2012*

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on March 19, 2012, the following MOTION was passed:

***THAT the Board of Trustees approve the Three-Year Capital Plan for 2013-2016 , as presented, with no change from the prior year’s submission, including updated costing information on or before the April 2, 2012 submission deadline.***

As per guidelines in the *School Capital Manual* (updated Dec 2010),”The fiscal year for Capital Plans will be April 1 to March 31 (in alignment with the Gov’t fiscal year). A jurisdiction’s Three-Year Capital Plan must be submitted by April 2, 2012 of the year prior to the commencing year of the plan.” ***This means that the GSACRD Three-Year Capital Plan for 2013-2016 must be electronically submitted by April 2, 2012.***

Boards have been instructed to update their electronic submission even when priorities have not changed so that updated costing of the projects will be on file for review by Alberta Education

and Infrastructure. *Cal Wait, Director of Facilities will be responsible for the submission.* It is important to note that Capital Plans may be updated at any time via Board Motion.

Given that the attached projects have been GSACRD's priorities for a number of years, it is prudent to leave them as is until such time the new plans recently discussed are allowed to evolve into stand-alone projects with the required conceptual and costing information.

The current priorities are (in no particular order):

***St. Albert Catholic High School:***

Modernization to meet school program needs and the School Facility Evaluation Report

Projected Cost: \$21,230,336

***Vincent J Maloney Junior High School:***

Modernization to meet school program needs

Projected Cost: \$4,025,519

***Erin Ridge North – New School:***

Kindergarten to Grade 9 – enrollment pressures

Projected Cost: \$19,989,800

Further to the re-submission of the previous Capital Plan in April 2012, the Board of Trustees passed the following motion at the ***Regular Meeting held October 29, 2012*** to allow the Superintendent to update the existing Capital Plan:

***THAT the Board of Trustees directs the superintendent to pursue interests related to the updating of the Facility Capital Plan as discussed “in camera” at tonight’s meeting.***

The Board has clarified its priorities to the Government of Alberta based upon the three Categories of facility projects: new, modernizations, and expansions. New and modernization applications overlap with respect to St. Albert Catholic High School because a modernized school serves as a contingency in the event that a new high school partnership project is not deemed to be feasible.

**New Schools:**

✓ *Three-School Partnership with the Greater North Central Francophone School Board*

This partnership envisions a state of the art high school that could house programming facilities to accommodate approximately 1200 students, while maintaining the distinct identities of a grades 7 – 12 Francophone School, the existing 10 – 12 grades of St. Albert Catholic High, and the existing 10 – 12 grades of École Secondaire Sainte Marguerite d’Youville (ESSMY). The project would feature a common learning area that has enhanced gymnasium and technology focused learning centres, but distinct wings that would enable three schools to function under one campus. The goals of this partnership are to bring efficiency to the current utilization and long-

term maintenance of our schools, retain students who leave our system for other programs after grade 9, and most importantly, maximize equity in program opportunity for all of our St. Albert high school students.

✓ *Elementary School for Morinville*

As a result of new legislation that enabled the Sturgeon School Division to operate public secular education in the Town of Morinville, the Minister assigned an elementary school to the newly operating Public School Board. The strong retention of our students within one fewer school has resulted in a utilization rate of 91% for the three GSACRD schools that operate in Morinville. Important to this matter is the fact that the only elementary school, Notre Dame, has a current utilization rate of 110%. Given this unusually high utilization rate in Morinville, it is important that a new elementary school will be developed to accommodate our growth needs.

✓ *New Kindergarten to Grade 9 School in Erin Ridge (North, St. Albert)*

For the 2010 - 2011 School Year, the existing attendance boundary in the East Kingswood area of St. Albert was removed to promote parental choice in selecting elementary programming. This decision enabled new students who reside in close proximity to Neil M. Ross School to attend its programs, while also enabling new opportunities to be in place for Vital Grandin who has in place a City wide-transportation service to access the new Fine Arts and Media Enhancement (FAME) program. This opportunity will continue for the 2012 – 2013 school year. It is anticipated that the expected growth in both school communities will assist their feeder junior high school, R.S. Fowler, to experience growth as well. The total impact of these expected enrolment trends will be the need to plan for a new elementary school to the north of these programs, in the rapidly developing Erin Ridge area.

### **Modernized Schools:**

✓ *Modernization of St. Albert Catholic High School*

With the first phase of this project completed, an additional capital investment would result in the improvement of washroom facilities, HVAC systems, programming for students with diverse needs, and physical education facilities.

✓ *Modernization of Vincent J. Maloney (VJM) Junior High School*

This additional upgrade would result in the modernization of instructional spaces that house programming for students with diverse learning needs, library services, and Career and Technology Studies.