



SUBJECT: Real Estate Matter Update

TO: Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Cttee.

FROM: City Manager's Office

Report Number: CM-26-21

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 575-03

Date to Committee: November 15, 2021

Date to Council: November 23, 2021

Recommendation:

Receive and file report city manager's office report CM-26-21 regarding an update related to the proposed acquisition of the Robert Bateman High School surplus school site.

PURPOSE:

Vision to Focus Alignment:

- Increase economic prosperity and community responsive city growth
- Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
- Building more citizen engagement, community health and culture
- Deliver customer centric services with a focus on efficiency and technology transformation

The report serves primarily as a transmittal report bringing to Committee a project update/presentation (to be distributed separately) to inform Committee of the City of Burlington's preliminary due diligence work related to the proposed acquisition of the Robert Bateman High School at 5151 New St., Burlington, Ontario.

Background and Discussion:

Strategy/process

In keeping with Council's direction to pursue the property acquisition of Robert Bateman High School (as per the June 24th media release), staff have utilized a portion of the approved 2021 Burlington Lands Partnership (BLP) funding to undertake preliminary due diligence under guidance of a joint City/Brock project management structure.

In July 2021, the City and Brock University jointly procured Colliers Project Leaders to complete the preliminary due diligence for the project which continues to date as a work in progress. The project lead for Colliers will participate in the PowerPoint presentation at the EICS committee meeting and will also be available to answer questions. Information shared at the meeting will focus on those items which can be shared publicly in open session (e.g. current site, potential future uses, surplus school site disposition process, etc.). As Committee is aware, this matter is also being brought forward for detailed consideration in Q4 2021 as a confidential property matter.

As set out in CM-29-20 and further developed in CM-22-21, recognizing the importance of strategic lands and the potential for partnership opportunities, the Robert Bateman High School surplus school site is being managed as a strategic project under the new Burlington Lands Partnership (BLP) structure. The BLP is intended to assist in building internal capacity and integrate all required due diligence activities for major strategic land projects and initiatives.

This report brings to Committee a project update presentation to inform Committee of the City of Burlington's interest in the Robert Bateman High School surplus school site.

Financial Matters:

n/a

Climate Implications

n/a

Engagement Matters:

Preliminary engagement has occurred with key stakeholders and partners. Public engagement is planned to occur in the future.

Conclusion:

The report allows for Committee to be updated on the unique city building opportunity presented by the acquisition of the Robert Bateman High School site for the benefit of current and future generations of Burlington residents.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Executive Director of Legal Services & Corporation Counsel.