

Public engagement update on Robert Bateman High School Proposals

Presentation to Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk &
Accountability Committee – June 6, 2022



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Purpose of Update

Legal Services report L-22-22 staff received the following direction:

Direct that the City Manager report back on status of public consultation at the Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk and Accountability meeting of June 6, 2022, with a further detailed report and recommendations to Council at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 21, 2022.



Specific Proposals Out for Feedback

Land Component:

- City of Burlington transfers ownership of approximately five acres of City owned-land to the Halton District School Board (HDSB) as part of a land exchange for the Robert Bateman site.
- The City owned-land is located near Burlington Central High School and includes the high school football field and running track.

Lease Component:

- The City wants to secure leases with the HDSB and Brock University for portions of the Bateman Site.
- The HDSB intends on leasing space back at Bateman for educational purposes.
- Brock University also wants to lease space at Bateman for their long-term educational needs.
- Both leases at Robert Bateman are expected to be long-term leases, 20 years or longer.



Engagement Methods

- Media release issued on May 18, 2022
- Project page created on Get Involved Burlington site May 18, 2022
- Survey released May 18, 2022 asking residents their feedback on the proposals
- Social media messages were posted directing residents to the Bateman Get Involved Burlington page
- Survey paused on May 19, 2022
- Public Information Centre (PIC) held May 31, 2022
 - Reminder about the PIC was sent via Get Involved Burlington newsletter on May 27, 2022



Engagement Results to Date

Survey Results Highlights:

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| Aware participants- visited the page | 529 people |
| Engaged participants- completed survey | 120 people (updated) |
| Informed participants- downloaded documents, or visited FAQ's | 84 people |

- Do you agree with the proposed land exchange where the City will transfer the Central high school football field to the HDSB and the HDSB will transfer Bateman High School to the City?
 - Strongly Agree/Agree – 63%
 - Neutral – 20%
 - Disagree/Strongly Disagree – 16%
- Do you agree with the City of Burlington’s intention to sign a lease agreement with Brock University for educational purposes?
 - Strongly Agree/Agree – 77%
 - Neutral – 11%
 - Disagree/Strongly Disagree – 13%
- Do you agree with the City of Burlington’s intention to sign a lease agreement with the Halton District School Board for educational purposes?
 - Strongly Agree/Agree – 71%
 - Neutral – 20%
 - Disagree/Strongly Disagree – 9%



Engagement Results to Date, con't

May 31, 2022 PIC

- 90 participants (including panelists)
- 38 questions answered by panelists
- Themes/highlights from questions:

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| Parking/traffic at Bateman site | Value of the two properties |
| Affordability of purchasing the site | How much space will Brock use |
| Long term plans for Burlington Central H.S. (will it be sold for development) | Gary Allan status |
| Timelines for purchase/project | Space availability for community use |
| Asbestos at Bateman | Will this investment affect possible investment in MTSAs |
| Consideration to designate Bateman and Burlington Central as heritage sites | Plans for library |
| Lease intentions (what's long term) | |



Additional Engagement

- FAQ updated on Get Involved Burlington project page
- Submit questions/comments on the project page until June 13, 2022
- Delegate at June 21, 2022 Council meeting

