

Proposed Robert Bateman High School Purchase Update

Public Information Session – May 31, 2022



Land Acknowledgment

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Panelists

City of Burlington	Halton District School Board (HDSB)	Brock University
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Allan Magi, Executive Director, Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services	Ian Gaudet, Executive Officer of Facility Services	Meaghan Rusnell, Associate Vice-President, Government Relations & Strategic Partnerships
Joan Ford, Chief Financial Officer		
Kwab Ako-Adjei, Director, Corporate Communications & Engagement		
Ron Steiginga, Manager of Realty Services		

Robert Bateman High School site

- 5151 New Street
- 12.79 acres
- 212,270 sq. ft. school
 - Includes Burlington Centennial Pool
- Adjacent to Frontenac Park



Robert Bateman High School



Land Exchange with HDSB:

Burlington Central High School football field and running track



Surplus School Process Overview and Key Dates

- Sale of school sites governed by O. Reg. 444/98: Disposition of Surplus Real Property and Acquisition of Real Property of the *Education Act*
- June 23, 2021, HDSB announced that it has declared Robert Bateman H.S. surplus to its needs.
- June 24, 2021, the City announced that an expression of interest would be submitted to the HDSB to purchase the Robert Bateman site through a partnership with Brock University.
- July 13, 2021, the City submitted its expression to the Board.
- December 14, 2021, Council provided direction to staff to submit a formal offer to purchase the Robert Bateman H.S. site and funding for ongoing work such as a preliminary design.
- February 3, 2022, City Council endorsed next steps to advance the potential acquisition of the Robert Bateman H.S. site from the HDSB.
- February 9, 2022, offer from the City was accepted by the HDSB.
- May 17, 2022, City Council directed staff to engage residents on the Robert Bateman H.S. proposals.



Intentions as Part of Purchase

Land Component:

- City of Burlington transfers ownership of approximately five acres of City owned-land to the 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.



City of Burlington Needs

- Direct Community investment in Long-Term City Building Initiative
- Achieve community recreation needs
 - Retain Centennial pool for community use
 - City control of gym, public greenspace
 - Provide new flexible programming areas (i.e. expanded City community center)
- Formal partnership with Brock University related to new campus location
- Relocation of Burlington Public Library – New Appleby Branch
- Relocation of TechPlace
- Create a sustainable signature community hub – focus on *learning and active living*
- A viable business model and final business plan



HDSB Needs

- Dispose of the former Robert Bateman Facility.
- Retain a long-term interest at Robert Bateman to accommodate Gary Allan Learning Centre, in a right-sized-space.
- Continue to maintain a visible and continued presence in the Southeast Burlington area, and continue offering and operating important educational programs within the community, enhanced with other users in a community centre setting.
- Ownership of the football field and running track ensures the continued operation of Burlington Central High School by the HDSB for the foreseeable future.
- The outcome of this transaction addresses key objectives for the HDSB and the City by ensuring important educational and community programs continue to be offered within Burlington.



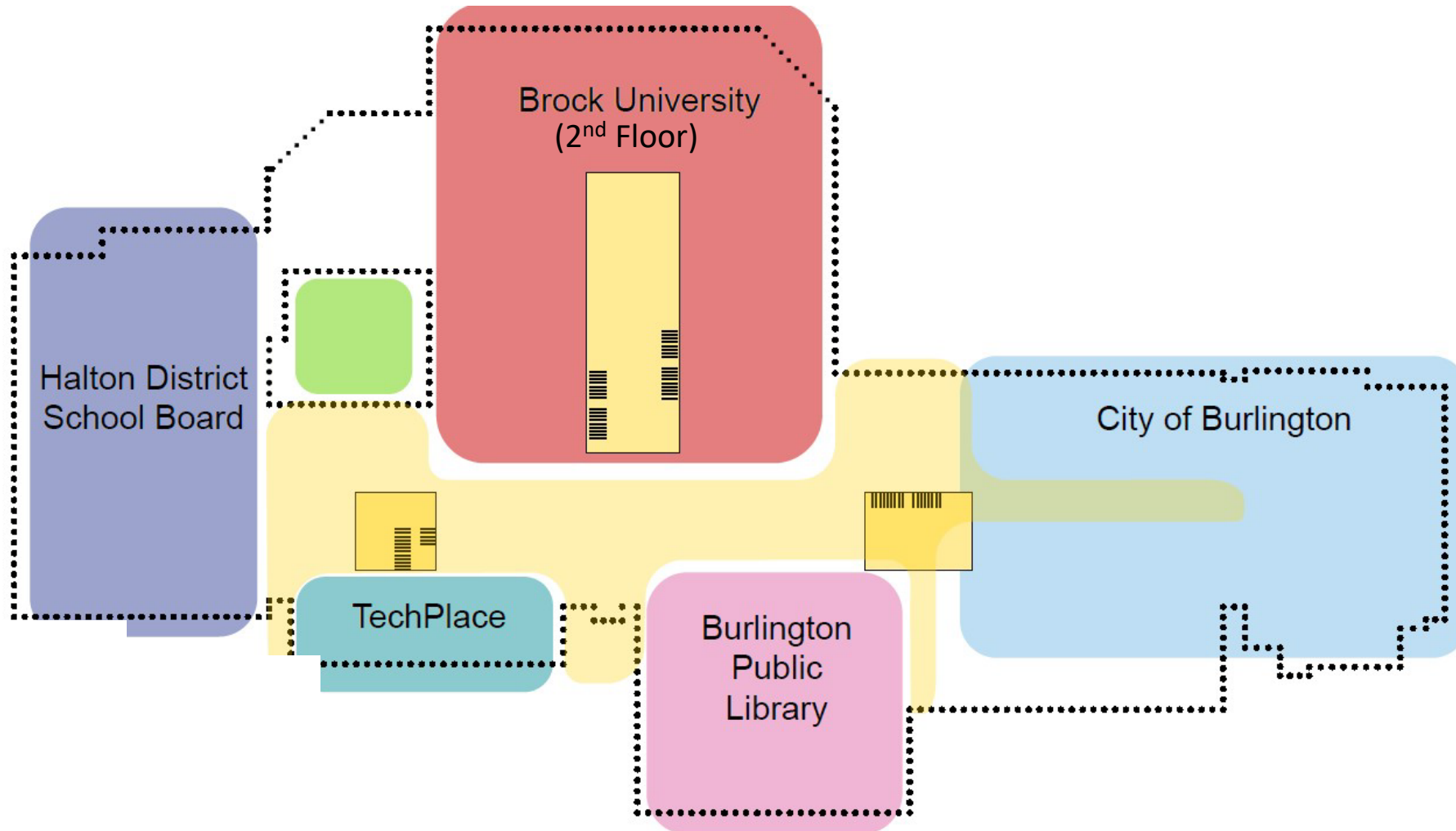
Brock University Needs

- Brock intends to enter into a long-term lease for space at Robert Bateman in order to relocate our Hamilton Campus to Burlington
- Brock would offer our Teachers Education and Applied Disabilities Studies Programs
- Brock will be developing Professional and Continuing Studies specifically to the needs of Burlington
- This will allow us to strengthen our partnership with The City of Burlington
- The Bateman location is attractive to Brock because of its proximity to the GO and public transportation as most of our students commute



Conceptual Block Plan

Subject to change based on functional design in progress



City of Burlington – Long-term Initiatives Related to Strategic Lands

- Burlington Lands Partnership –LT strategic approach focused on 3 major land related priorities (Approved Council Report CM 1/21, October 6, 2021 report to CSSRA committee)
- Approved Council Direction on completing/developing a Surplus School Sites Review and Strategy (Report back in July 2022)
- Multi-year City of Burlington Community Investment Plan (Approved Council Report , April 6 2022 report to CSSRA committee
- Updated City of Burlington Strategic Land Policy – future consideration and development



Next Steps

- Upcoming Reports:
 - June 6, 2022, update to Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk and Accountability committee on the engagement process underway
 - June 21, 2022, final report and recommendations to Council
- Future public reports on public process, design and tendering of construction and phasing (subject to final Council approval)



Ask a Question:

