



**SUBJECT:** Public engagement update on Robert Bateman High School land related proposals

**TO:** Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk & Accountability Cttee.

**FROM:** City Manager's Office

Report Number: CM-17-22

Wards Affected: Wards 2 and 5

File Numbers: 155-03-01

Date to Committee: June 6, 2022

Date to Council: June 21, 2022

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### **Recommendation:**

Receive and file city manager's office report CM-17-22 providing a public engagement update on Robert Bateman High School land related proposals.

### **PURPOSE:**

#### **Vision to Focus Alignment:**

- Increase economic prosperity and community responsive city growth
- Building more citizen engagement, community health and culture

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### **Background and Discussion:**

The City's process procedure regarding disposition of real property requires a public consultation process in situations where the City intends to dispose of City owned land or enter into long term leases with respect to City land. In this particular case the lands are those adjacent to Burlington Central High School, approximately five acres, that will be conveyed to the Halton District School Board (HDSB) through a form land exchange with the City. The lands currently are utilized by the HDSB for school purposes.

The City of Burlington's intention to purchase the Robert Bateman High School (RBHS) site is a significant and long-term strategic matter that requires the City continue to share as much information as we can, and to make certain that the public is informed to provide feedback.

In addition, in 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.

A presentation and verbal update on engagement to date will be provided during the committee meeting.

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### **Financial Matters:**

Not applicable.

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### **Engagement Matters:**

A survey had been made available to seek input into the proposed land transaction and lease arrangements, however, we believed more background information should be shared with residents on the City's interest in purchasing the RBHS site before we seek the public's input, as a result the survey was paused.

The results of the survey are [publicly available](#) and is attached as Appendix A.

A virtual public information meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2022 which will involve a presentation, followed by a Q&A session. In addition to City staff, the meeting will include senior staff from the HDSB and Brock University to speak to their respective interests and roles and answer questions of the public.

Additional public feedback is scheduled to take place following the public meeting on May 31.

All feedback will also be included in the June 21 final report to Council.

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### **Conclusion:**

The City of Burlington is looking for residents' feedback on a proposed land transaction with the HDSB and leasing arrangements with the HDSB and Brock University for the City's planned acquisition of the Robert Bateman High School building and property. A public information and consultation process is required in situations where the City intends to dispose of City owned land or enter into long term leases with respect to City land.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Appendices:**

- A. Robert Bateman High School Proposals Survey Results

**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.