

# BOARD REPORT

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Fricker School Build Committee Update</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	Bill Steer, Committee Chair
<b>Date Submitted:</b>	May 18, 2021
<b>Mandate:</b>	To oversee the building of a new K-6 school on the existing Fricker site including built in EarlyOn and Child Care spaces.
<b>Background:</b>	Mitchell Jensen Architects were awarded the contract in March 2020. From March – August 2020 their work focused on designing a floorplan and site plan that would align with the allocated funding. The Board is seeking Ministry approval to request that the project move to tender.
<b>Update:</b>	<p>At the meeting on May 5, 2021, Committee members heard from lead architect, Nathan Jensen. Mr. Jensen provided the committee with an overview of the site plan, which takes into account traffic flow in and around the school. Mr. Jensen also reviewed the school layout design including the EarlyOn and Child care spaces.</p> <p>Special care has been taken to ensure that this school design will promote an inclusive environment in which all students feel welcomed and accepted. Such features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barrier-free stalls in all restrooms</li> <li>• Two individual gender-neutral restrooms</li> <li>• Consideration given to ventilation systems that will allow for Indigenous smudging or alternate fire suppression system</li> <li>• Edu-pods (portable classrooms) specifically designed with the same finishes and materials to be complementary to the main school and promote the same learning expectations</li> <li>• Designed to mirror the Woodland site</li> <li>• Community use by various groups considered during the design phase to promote the use of shared spaces</li> <li>• Intentionally designed to conserve energy and support sustainability</li> </ul> <p>Construction documents were submitted May 2021 with an anticipated closing tender date for June 2021.</p>
<b>Recommendation</b>	That the board receive the update report from the Fricker Building Committee.