




Title:	W.J. Fricker Project Update
Contact:	Trustee Bill Steer, Committee Chair
Date Submitted:	April 12, 2022
Mandate:	<p>MYSP- Excellence in Relationships <i>Enhance the safety and well-being of students and staff.</i></p> <p>MYSP- Excellence in Teaching and Learning <i>Provide an equitable and inclusive environment that champions learning opportunities for all.</i></p>
Background:	<p>The Ministry of Education provided a funding allocation and approval to proceed, with additional funds provided by NNDSB, to build a new JK-6 school to replace the existing WJ Fricker Public School, 790 Norman Avenue, in North Bay. The new school is being built on the existing site, and is scheduled to open in September 2023.</p> <p>Venasse Building Group was awarded the construction contract and work began in October 2021.</p>
Update:	<p>The Fricker Build Committee is pleased to report the project is currently on schedule to reopen to students in September 2023. As well, the project is proceeding on budget.</p> <p>The committee heard from capital projects staff to note the project remains in the demolition stage. With warm weather in the weeks ahead, it is expected that foundation construction will begin shortly.</p> <p>Demolition of Structure (image below)</p> 

	 <p>Area of peat removal and backfill (image above)</p>  <p>Excavation to the foundation (image above)</p>
<p>Next Steps</p>	<p>Beginning in September 2022, a school-naming committee will form to involve the community in this aspect of the project. Community representation will be sought together with school representatives, students and trustees where appropriate.</p> <p>The committee looks forward to continuing to monitor the project's progress and providing regular reports to the Board to share in the excitement as the build progresses.</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>That the Board receives the update as presented from the W.J. Fricker Build Committee for information.</p>