



Title:	New JK-6 Elementary School – Fricker Site Update
Contact:	Trustee Bill Steer, Committee Chair
Date Submitted:	October 11, 2022
Mandate:	Excellence in Relationships through the focus on progress within the goal of enhancing the safety and well-being of students and staff.
Background	<p>Recall that the Ministry of Education provided a funding allocation of \$15,918,039 and approval to proceed, with additional funds provided by NNDSB in the amount of \$3,853,973, to build a new JK-6 school, childcare and Early ON Child and Family Centre 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. During the pre-construction meeting, all contacts were introduced to each other, and the expectation was outlined that the construction schedule indicates substantial completion to occur in June 2023.</p> <p>Since that time, the asbestos removal, installation of new chain link fencing along the north boundary, capping of existing services and interior demolition of the building work began and was completed without any issues. All materials were separated for proper disposal. Demolition of the exterior walls began at the eastern side moving west and foundations/slab were removed, with rough grading to meet existing surrounding site conditions. Existing portables are being used as the site trailer and for tool storage for the duration of the project.</p> <p>In April 2022, the Fricker Build Committee provided an update to the Board of Trustees regarding the structure demolition, and work to excavate down to the foundation. As part of the report, the Committee confirmed the project was proceeding on schedule and on budget.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>

Update:

On September 27, 2022, the Fricker Build Committee had a chance to tour the construction progress. The Committee was introduced to the site supervisor overseeing the work, who provided a thorough look at the design plans, ongoing construction work, and the next steps planned in the building season. The Committee is pleased to note the project is still proceeding on schedule.





In accordance with NNDSB's [School Openings, Closures & Consolidations Administrative Guideline](#), the Fricker Build Committee recognizes that a Naming Committee must be struck to lead the process regarding the selection of a name for the site. Membership of the naming committee will include a community member, parent representatives from the amalgamating school communities, administration, and trustee representatives.

	Given that the current trustee term is ending shortly, is it recommended that the Board include the trustees to be appointed to the Naming Committee as part of the 2022/2023 Trustee Committee Membership Composition process that will be presented at the Inaugural Meeting of the newly constituted Board.
Recommendation	That the Board of Trustees receive the update as presented by the Fricker Build Committee for information and consider the recommendation regarding the Naming Committee next steps.