



Revelstoke Board of Education Surplus Schools Update

#2 – February 28th, 2013



Why is the Board Redeveloping School Sites?

Background

The Project Agreement between the Revelstoke Board of Education and the Minister of Education set out the funding plan for the Revelstoke Schools Project. The plan identified a local contribution of \$2.4 Million, to be raised through the disposition of surplus school sites.

What is Happening and When?

Big Eddy Elementary School Redevelopment

To assist the district in the disposition of the Big Eddy Site, the District engaged Kelly Gesner of Landworks Consultants Inc. Kelly visited Revelstoke during the week of January 28th, 2013 to acquaint herself with the property and has met with City staff regarding redevelopment processes.

Our application for the rezoning of the property into residential lots was made to the City of Revelstoke on February 19th, 2013. The proposed lot sizes are similar to adjacent properties.

In order to facilitate the redevelopment plans a public information meeting is being convened on Wednesday, March 13th, 2013 in Big Eddy at the Columbia Forest District Office at 1761 Big Eddy Road from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. This will allow interested individuals an opportunity to provide feedback regarding our plans.

We will provide feedback from our public meeting to the City and then we will engage in the next steps of the rezoning application.

We are currently assessing the merits of having the school demolished to facilitate the sale of the property. A tender is being placed for the removal of hazardous materials and the demolition of the building, which will give us more information to assist in making this decision.

Mountain View Elementary School

On Tuesday, February 19th, 2013, school trustees met with City Council to discuss our surplus sites. We confirmed that redevelopment of the Mountain View site would proceed subsequent to the initial steps at Big Eddy Elementary School.

We further confirmed that, in keeping with feedback we received during the school closure process, we would pursue the following principles during Mountain View's redevelopment:

- Preserve the original high school and seek a community partner to acquire the facility
- Retain modest green space
- Provide some off-street parking

In order to secure the funds committed to the capital project, we will be working with the City of Revelstoke to develop a supportable plan for mixed-use development.

Mount Begbie Elementary School

Potential uses of the Mount Begbie site will be assessed once the outcomes of Big Eddy and Mountain View dispositions are known. We believe there may be potential for some mix of residential / commercial / public uses.

A portion of the school is currently being used by two community groups: the Rocky Mountain Rangers (Cadets) and the Revelstoke Boxing Club.

Questions / Concerns

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