



CITY OF KINGSTON
INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No.: 12-171

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

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DATE OF MEETING: May 1, 2012

SUBJECT: Kingston Program and Accommodation Review Committees
(PARCs) – Additional Information

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Subsequent to the distribution of Council Information Reports 12-150, *Central Kingston Program and Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) – Response to Council Motion of March 6*, and 12-157, *Central Kingston Program and Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) – Supplemental Information*, questions have been raised respecting the Kingston North PARC process and how that relates to Council's motion of March 6, 2012. The Kingston North PARC is examining options respecting five elementary schools: Central; First Avenue; Frontenac; J. G. Simcoe; and, Rideau Heights. It is understood that Council will be considering a motion at its meeting on May 1, 2012 respecting this matter.

The Kingston North PARC represents a similar review process to the Kingston Central PARC. Due to time constraints, staff has not had an opportunity to fully review the Kingston North PARC process or to provide Council with similar information as that contained in Information Reports 12-150 and 12-157 respecting the Kingston Central PARC.

It is noted that the Kingston Central and Kingston North PARC processes appear to be inter-related, as a number of the Kingston Central PARC options (as set out in Council Report 12-157) reference the elementary schools that are the subject of the Kingston North PARC process.

Staff can indicate that much of the information contained in Council Reports 12-150 and 12-157 (e.g. PARC process, Official Plan and Neighbourhoods, Features of Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Role of Schools in Neighbourhoods, and Impacts of School Closings) would likely apply equally to all of the PARC processes and the closing of either a secondary school or

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an elementary school. The fundamental difference between the Kingston Central PARC and the Kingston North PARC would be the function of the schools. By their nature, secondary schools serve a much larger geographical area of the community and may attract students from an even broader area based on the programs being offered. On the other hand, elementary schools draw their student population from a smaller area (i.e. more of a neighbourhood focus). On that basis, one could perhaps draw the conclusion that the impacts from the closure of a secondary school would be spread over a larger geographical area as compared to the closure of an elementary school, the impacts of which may be more localized in terms of the surrounding neighbourhood(s).

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no recommendation as this report is provided for information only.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer
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CONSULTATION WITH THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

Cynthia Beach, <i>Sustainability & Growth</i>	N/R
Lanie Hurdle, <i>Community Services</i>	N/R
Denis Leger, <i>Transportation, Properties & Emergency Services</i>	N/R
Jim Keech, <i>President and CEO Utilities Kingston</i>	N/R

(N/R indicates consultation not required)

OPTIONS/DISCUSSION:

Information Reports 12-150 and 12-157 provided Council with information related to the Kingston Central PARC process in response to Council's motion of March 6, 2012. The information related to such matters as the PARC mandate and process, School Information Profiles (KCVI, QECVI and LCVI), PARC timelines, the role of schools in safe and sustainable neighbourhoods, and options for the sharing of resources. Considerable time was spent by staff to compile these Information Reports to Council. Due to time constraints, staff has not had an opportunity to fully review the Kingston North PARC process or to provide Council with similar information as that contained in the above noted reports respecting the Kingston Central PARC

The Kingston North PARC does represent a similar PARC review process respecting the identified elementary schools. Much of the information contained in Council Reports 12-150 and 12-157 (e.g. PARC process, Official Plan and Neighbourhoods, Features of Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Role of Schools in Neighbourhoods, and Impacts of School Closings) would likely apply equally to all of the PARC processes and the closing of either a secondary school or an elementary school. The fundamental difference between the Kingston Central PARC and the Kingston North PARC would be the function of the schools. By their nature, secondary schools serve a much larger geographical area of the community and may attract students from an even broader area based on the programs being offered. On the other hand, elementary schools draw their student population from a smaller area (i.e. more of a neighbourhood focus). On that basis, one could perhaps draw the conclusion that the impacts from the closure of a secondary school would be spread over a larger geographical area as compared to the closure of an elementary school, the impacts of which may be more localized in terms of the surrounding neighbourhood(s).

It is noted that the Kingston Central and Kingston North PARC processes appear to be inter-related, as a number of the Kingston Central PARC Options (as set out in Council Report 12-157) reference some of the elementary schools that are the subject of the Kingston North PARC process. These options relate to such matters as revising the catchment area boundaries for the secondary schools to include some of the North PARC elementary schools, moving grade 7 and 8 students from some of the North PARC elementary schools to one of the secondary schools, consolidating the North PARC elementary schools and closing 2 of the schools, and if other PARC processes agree, changing the boundaries between elementary schools and sending more students to a new middle school.

EXISTING POLICY/BY LAW:

Not applicable

NOTICE PROVISIONS:

Not applicable

ACCESSIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no financial considerations at this time.

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EXHIBITS ATTACHED:

None