



April 9, 2021

Ms. Jodi Lloyd
Trustee and Chair
Simcoe County District School Board
Education Centre
1170 Highway 26
Midhurst, ON
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Dear Chair Lloyd:

Re: Simcoe County District School Board 2021-22 Capital Plan

Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach understands that the Simcoe County District School Board (Board) approved its 2021-22 Capital Plan at its February Board meeting and has included under the Future Capital Projects Section, a project entitled "Northwest Simcoe Secondary Schools" at an estimated cost of \$51.0M. The project detail states that a consultant has been hired to undertake an assessment of Collingwood Collegiate Institute to help aid the Board in determining the best course of action, renewal vs. replacement, however at this point in time replacement appears to be the most responsible course of action.

With respect to Wasaga Beach, the detail goes on to state, "*The Wasaga Beach secondary school population continues to grow as the approved secondary plan begins construction. Market demand and building permit absorption is currently unknown at this early stage of development. A secondary school site is designated within the secondary plan.*"

This is exciting for the Town of Wasaga Beach, as the Town has been pursuing a Secondary School for the community for many years. However, this Council also recognizes and respects that there are many steps in the process leading to a secondary school for the community. One of those steps is having the project included on the list of 10 capital priorities to be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

The Town would like to build on the partnership established with the new Elementary School in the Sunnidale Trails subdivision. Servicing of the subdivision is moving forward with the support of a second developer that is looking to bring the first phase of his lands in the northerly part of the subdivision to market early 2022. As noted, these lands contain the designated secondary school site. There are also many other residential developments moving forward in the community. Growth is occurring at a fast pace.

At the appropriate time, Town staff would welcome the opportunity to engage in discussions with Board staff about potential partnership opportunities on a new Secondary School.

If you need any information from the Town as you prepare your capital submission to the Ministry, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Bifulchi', written in a cursive style.

Nina Bifulchi
Mayor
Town of Wasaga Beach

- c. Members of Council
Steve Blake, Director of Education