



## **May 2019 Project Summary École J.H. Sissons (EJHS) School**

### **Governance**

A Steering Committee has been established to provide governance and communications oversight for the Sissons project. The Steering Committee reports to the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) and to the Chair of the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) Board.

Membership on the Steering Committee is made up of senior managers from YK1, ECE, and the Department of Infrastructure (INF) and their staff.

The Steering Committee is meeting every two weeks at this stage of the project however meeting frequency may likely change as the project moves forward.

### **Sissons Advisory Group**

A Sissons Advisory Group (SAG) was established in February 2019 and is comprised of staff members from EJHS as well as representatives from the EJHS Parents Advisory Council.

The SAG is responsible to review the work of the Design Team and provide advice and recommendations as requested by the Steering Committee. The SAG is not a decision-making body, but rather is an opportunity for stakeholders to have formal input during the design process, including in the selection of options and design direction.

At its initial meeting, the SAG reviewed three preliminary conceptual design options. Based on feedback provided, ECE and INF have worked to produce a revised concept that was provided to the SAG for review at their second meeting. It is anticipated that there will be at least one more meeting, for SAG to review a final design.

It is anticipated that the SAG will provide their design recommendations to the Steering Committee in mid-May 2019.

At that time, the Steering Committee will review the recommendations from the SAG and will make a final decision on the design.

### **Accommodations Plan**

A consultant - Taylor Architecture Group (TAG) - has been retained by ECE to assist YK1 with an Accommodations Plan to ensure minimal disruption to students, parents and teachers and staff during the demolition and rebuild phases of the project.

Two options for an Accommodations Plan have been developed by TAG, and these options were presented at four consultation meetings held at the end of April 2019. Given the potential impact to other schools in YK1, the meetings were held at EJHS, École William McDonald Middle School, NJ Macpherson School and Range Lake North School.

The feedback obtained at the consultation meetings will be taken into consideration in the final decision on the Accommodations Plan.

The draft report on the Accommodations Plan will be provided to the Steering Committee by the end of May 2019. There are several logistical considerations involved with the Accommodations Plan, and the sooner a final decision is arrived at, the sooner that planning for the required moves can take place to ensure as smooth a process as possible.

### **Request for Proposal**

To date, the following Request for Proposal (RFP) processes have been initiated:

- Hazmat / Demolition – opened March 26 and closed April 18
  - YK1 will have first opportunity to take materials, etc. from the building prior to demolition. Ecology North is also interested in materials.
- Architectural Design – opened April 4 and closes May 7