

Report of Devine Street Public School Accommodation Review Committee

BACKGROUND

- October 24, 2006 the Lambton Kent District School Board approved that the Board place Devine Street Public School and Johnston Memorial Public School “Under Review” for consolidation into a new school to be built within the same neighbourhoods, pending approval and necessary funding for this project by the Ministry of Education by August 31, 2007.
- October 23, 2007 the Lambton Kent District School Board approved the intention to commence an Accommodation Review for Devine Street Public School.
- November 13, 2007 the Lambton Kent District School Board approved the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee for Devine Street Public School.

Members of the Accommodation Review Committee:

Gabrielle Nelson, Grade 7 student from Devine Street Public School
Kathy Kerrigan, School Chair Devine Street Public School
Katherine Baker, Parent from Devine Street Public School Community
Gavin Armstrong, Community Member
Yvette Gilfoyle, Principal, Devine Street Public School
Isabell Carter, Trustee
Elizabeth Hudie, Trustee
Carmen McGregor, Trustee
Gayle Stucke, Director of Education
Resource: Liz Rogers, Planning Officer, LKDSB
Recorder: Paula Taylor, Administrative Assistant

Member of City Council, Aamjiwnaang representation, and Devine Street Public School Staff Members were invited to participate but declined.

- **Communication of Meetings**
 - Advertisement of meetings** – Radio, TV, School newsletters. Principal went around the neighbourhood to personally invite the community.
 - Invited Guests** – Mike Schnarre (City Planning), Mike Caraher (ReMax), Ron Andruchow (Superintendent of Business - LKDSB)
- **Meeting to Customize the Valuation Template – November 26, 2007**
- **Public Meeting Dates**

January 22, 2008	public attendance 9 participants
February 5, 2008	public attendance 6 participants
April 1, 2008	public attendance 16 participants
May 6, 2008	public attendance 9 participants

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- **Appendix A** - Records of Action
- **Appendix B** - Valuation Template

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Committee consensus was reached on the following recommendations:

- 1) The Accommodation Review Committee recommends the closure of Devine Street Public School as of June 2009.
- 2) To consolidate Devine Street Public School students and Johnston Memorial Public School students into a new school on the current Johnston Memorial site.
- 3) The Board give priority and pursue all options in finding a new use for the Devine property to avoid the property and building remaining vacant or unused for an extended period of time. Consideration should be given to demolition and planting of green space if required.