

# SCHOOL DISTRICT 54

(Bulkley Valley)

## OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

*Regular*

**5:00 PM**

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

School Board Office

Voting Members	Administration
L. Kearns, Chair P. Mitchell, Alternate  J. Williams (ex officio)	M. McDiarmid, Superintendent D. Margerm, Secretary Treasurer J. Fox, Assistant Superintendent
<b>Regrets</b> F. Krishan	

The meeting was conducted from 5:01-5:19 pm

**Acknowledgement:** *Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the home of the Wit'suwit'en Nation, traditional territory of the Gidmt'en - Bear Wolf Clan."*

### REPORT

#### **1. District Strategic Plan Review Update**

Mr. McDiarmid updated the committee that he would be conducting his Superintendent's report of the Strategic Plan at the June Board meeting.

#### **2. Draft 2025-2026 Capital Plan Resolution**

Mr. Margerm presented the capital plan for Major Capital application to the Ministry Capital Branch. The committee was also advised that the Minor Capital grant application for the 2025-2026 year would be approved and submitted in September 2024. This would also include a special application for a \$5.8 million HVAC project at Smithers Secondary.

***Motion: The Board resolves to approve the draft 2025-2026 Major Capital application as presented.***

#### **3. Response Letter to Access Smithers**

Mr. Margerm provided the original letter, copied to the Board, from Access Smithers regarding accessibility concerns for Walnut Park School. A response letter from Mr. Margerm was also provided for the Board's information.

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## 4. Response to Racism & Hate Protocols

Mr. McDiarmid updated the committee on documentation provided in briefing notes on the proposed *Response to Racism and Hate Protocol* document. This was initiated by Ms. Markert as a means to acknowledge and support reducing racism and hate-based critical incidents in the Bulkley/Wetzin'kwa Valley.

***Motion: The Board resolves to approve the school district to sign off on the Response to Racism and Hate Protocols.***

\*\*\* Alternate August Board meeting was recommended for August 27<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\*

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**Date & Time of Next Meeting: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5 pm**