Anglophone South School District DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL - BRIEFING NOTE

MEETING:

June 13, 2018 (additional information collected after the May 9th DEC meeting is noted in red.)

TOPIC: Surplus Land Request – Saint John Education Centre

Allan Marr at 206 Bay Crescent Drive in Saint John is interested in purchasing a piece of property directly behind Morna Heights School. Additional information was requested from Mr. Marr after the May 9th DEC meeting.

RELATIVE LEGISLATION, POLICY, PROCEDURE:

Education Act Section 45(2)

45(2) A District Education Council shall, at all times, have management, care and control of all school property in the school district for which the District Education Council is established, until such time as the school property is declared surplus by the District Education Council.

BACKGROUND:

Mr. Marr lives directly behind Morna Heights School and has been dealing with water issues on his property since he has owned the property. He wishes to buy a piece of property behind Morna Heights to put in some drainage to help reduce the water runoff. Additional information supplied – Mr. Marr's plan is to bring in a contractor to cut and remove some of the trees, excavate the area, deliver rock and stone and install drainage on the property. He has no plans to divert water to the city infrastructure or tie into their drainage. His expected cost to do this work is \$3000.

SCOPE (options) and Budget Considerations:

The land is located behind Morna Heights School facing Bay Crescent Drive. The land behind Morna slopes off towards Bay Crescent, is heavily treed and is not used by the school. Mr. Allan wishes to purchase a piece of the school property that directly borders on his property. The land he wishes to purchase is approximately 1161 square metres (just over one quarter of an acre). Please see

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the attached pictures. There would be no financial gain or cost to the school district if the land is declared surplus.

Currently, there is a plan before Government for the closure of Morna Heights, Inglewood and Grand Bay Primary to be replaced with a new K-5 school. If approved, land will have to be found for a new school location. Location for a new school could be in the Grand Bay/Westfield area or in the Morna area located in Saint John. The Morna property is approximately 10 acres in size, so that may be a consideration before deciding to declare the land in question surplus.

Council may decide to not make any motion.

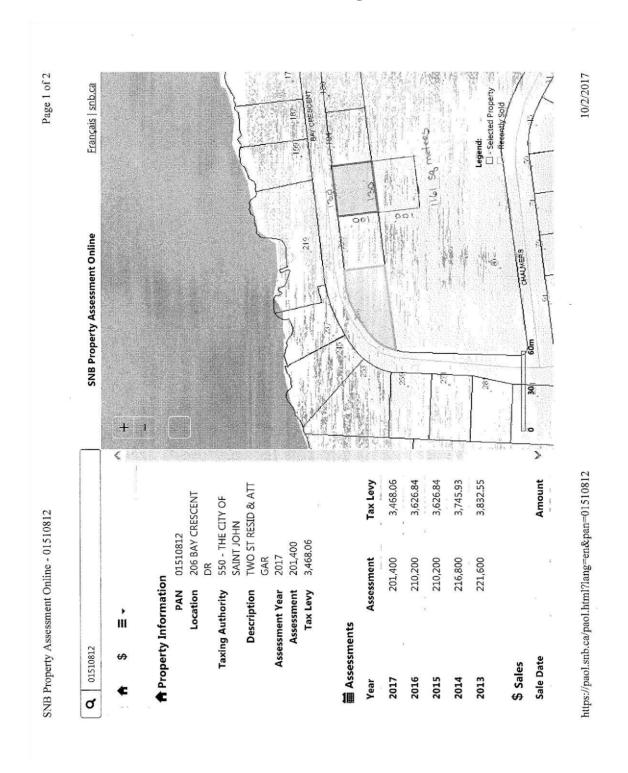
POSSIBLE MOTIONS:

(That) Council declares the piece of land located behind Morna Heights School as per the attached documents surplus to the needs of Anglophone School District South.



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Property in red is owned by Mr. Allan Marr, 206 Bay Crescent Drive located behind the Morna Heights School.



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Location of piece of land that Mr. Marr wishes to purchase.

