

Letter from Government of Saskatchewan regarding Holmwood Sector Joint Use School Site



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Minister of Education

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Charlie Clark, Mayor
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Dear Mayor Clark:

Thank you for your February 5, 2024, letter regarding the school site for a potential new joint-use high school in the Holmwood Sector of Saskatoon.

We recognize and thank the City of Saskatoon for the time and effort invested in planning and working with the land developer for this important project to accommodate rapid population growth.

To resolve this matter, the Government of Saskatchewan accepts your proposal to share the costs of the land required for a contiguous 32 acre school site. The City will provide 23 acres at no cost, and the Government and the City will evenly split the costs of the additional nine acres. It should be noted that the entire land allocation of 32 acres is intended for school facilities exclusively. Should the City of Saskatoon wish to include a civic recreation centre within the joint-use high school facility, as per the City's original planning assumptions, additional land is required to be provided by the City for this purpose.

The Government of Saskatchewan will provide a capital grant to Saskatoon Public School Division and/or Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools of \$3.753 million for this purpose. The City will lease the lands to the boards of education for school purposes in a separate lease agreement.

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Ministry of Education officials have recently confirmed that the maximum enrolment for the proposed project has increased to 3,600 students (from 2,400 students). In accordance with *The Education Regulations, 2019* the minimum amount of land based on 3,600 students increases to 35.5 acres.

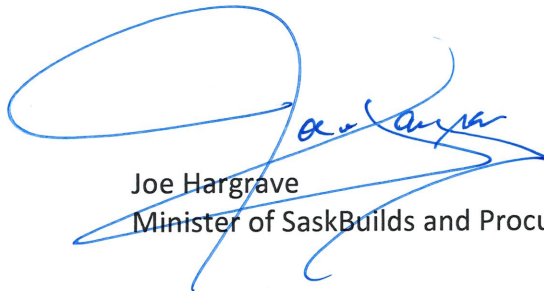
In an effort to not substantially alter the Holmwood concept plan, the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement, Saskatoon Public School Division, and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools are conducting a “test fit” of a 3,600 maximum enrolment facility, childcare centre, and other required school amenities (e.g., parking) on a 32-acre site. Should the test fit determine that the entirety of the school facility and amenities can be accommodated on the 32-acre site, the Government of Saskatchewan and school divisions are prepared to proceed with an area below the minimum 35.5 acre requirement. This will likely require additional collaboration with the City and school divisions on transit options and parking requirements for the site.

Should you have questions about our response, please reach out to us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Education



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Minister of SaskBuilds and Procurement

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