
Provided on behalf of the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board

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Re: COMMENT LETTER
Application for Plan of Subdivision
Location: Ida Street, Dundalk
File No.: 42T-2024-07

Dear Ken Melanson,

On behalf of the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board, we confirm receipt of the Plan of Subdivision application 42T-2024-07 dated August 9, 2024. A total of 321 units are proposed for this development. With respect to this application, the following comments are submitted:

Location:

This development falls within the attendance boundaries of:

- St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic School (JK-8)
- St. Mary's Catholic High School (9-12)

Comments:

At this time, the local elementary and secondary schools are operating at capacity and cannot accommodate additional students from the development as proposed.

The Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board currently does not have a school presence in Dundalk. As a result, elementary students from this area face long bus rides to St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic School in Durham, while secondary students are transported to St. Mary's Catholic High School in Owen Sound.



Given significant residential construction in Southgate, particularly in Dundalk, along with rising local enrolment pressures and increasing transportation demands, the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board **requests a meeting** to discuss school accommodation strategies and to explore the possibility of establishing a Catholic school within this development plan.

Conditions:

In reviewing the proposed development within the context of local school capacity and the cumulative impact of residential growth on enrolment, the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board has identified potential implications for both local school capacity and infrastructure. To ensure that future residents are fully informed of these potential impacts and that adequate arrangements are made for student accommodation, the Board respectfully recommends the inclusion of the following conditions of plan approval:

That the owner(s) agree in the Subdivision Agreement to include in all Offers of Purchase and Sale, the following statements advising prospective purchasers that:

1. *“Accommodation within a public school operated by Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board may include temporary facilities; including but not limited to accommodation in a portable classroom, a “holding school”, or directing students to an alternative attendance boundary.”*
2. *“Student busing is at discretion of the Student Transportation Service Consortium of Grey-Bruce.”*
3. *“If school buses are required within the Subdivision in accordance with Board Transportation policies, as may be amended from time to time, school bus pick up points will generally be located on the through street at a location as determined by the Student Transportation Service Consortium of Grey Bruce.”*

We will continue to monitor development growth in Southgate and Dundalk on behalf of the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board as it relates to the cumulative impact on local schools. The Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board also request notification of any modifications, community consultations, appeals, or notices of decision related to this application.

Please note that further to the comments provided, the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board reserves the right to revise their position as needed without further notice. Should you require additional information regarding these comments, please contact vw@watsonecon.ca.

Sincerely,



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