



Memorandum

vancouver school board



Date: May 10, 2017

ITEM 2

To: Committee II - Planning and Facilities

From: Jim Meschino, Director of Facilities

Re: Gordon Yellow Outbuilding

INTRODUCTION:

This report contains a recommendation.

BACKGROUND:

At the March 27, 2017 Committee II meeting, the Official Trustee requested staff to schedule a meeting with the Heritage Committee regarding the Yellow Outbuilding at General Gordon Elementary.

DISCUSSION

At a meeting on April 27th, options were discussed for the retention and alternate use of the Gordon outbuilding with the Heritage Committee. District staff approached the City of Vancouver to determine if the lane widening requirement could be removed as a Development Permit condition if the outbuilding was retained. The City confirmed that it would not require the lane widening under this condition.

District staff have completed analysis of the impact of the Supreme Court ruling regarding class size and composition. While there is no impact to Gordon Elementary for the 2017/18 school year, the analysis indicates that the school may require an additional classroom for 2018/19.

The cost savings of not proceeding with the lane widening and not demolishing the building would be approximately \$200,000. The estimate to retain the building would be approximately \$60,000 and would include:

- Connect storm sewer
- Connect water line to existing service
- Fire alarm connection to main building (one address for site)
- Hazmat removal
- Accessible ramp and new stair and landing
- Landscape around the building (seed or sod)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the General Gordon Yellow Outbuilding be retained.