

# Minutes



## Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting

**Date:** January 28, 2025  
**Time:** 5:00 pm  
**Location:** Abbotsford School District Administration Office

**TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Rauch, Chair  
Rupi Kanda-Rajwan  
Korky Neufeld  
Stan Petersen  
Preet Rai  
Jared White  
Shirley Wilson

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Sean Nosek, Superintendent  
Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Shelly Frost, Senior Manager, Budget and Student Demographics  
Pam Alzona, Manager, Financial Services  
Beth Penney, Executive Assistant

**GUESTS:** Ryan Perry, Senior Planner, City of Abbotsford  
Mark Neill, GM, Planning and Development, City of Abbotsford  
Heather Kauer, Director, Community Planning, City of Abbotsford

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### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rauch called the meeting to order at 4:44 pm.

### **2.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY**

We acknowledge the Abbotsford School District is located on the traditional and unceded territory of the Semá:th First Nation and Mathxwí First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land, as they are the original caretakers.

### **3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The committee adopted the agenda as presented.

### **4.0 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **4.1 Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held November 26, 2024**

The Minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting held November 26, 2024, were approved and will be presented at the February 11, 2025, Public Board Meeting.

### **5.0 DELEGATIONS**

### **6.0 FACILITIES UPDATE**

### **7.0 FINANCE UPDATE**

#### **7.1 Operating Grant Funding Recalculation**

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the funding grant from the Ministry of Education. There were minimal changes, and the grant was received as expected. The amended annual budget will be presented at the February 11<sup>th</sup> public board meeting and will include a fulsome review.

#### **7.2 Second Quarter Financial Report**

The Board of Education discussed the financial report which was brought to the January 21<sup>st</sup> public board meeting.

Shelly Frost, Pam Alzona, Ryan Perry, Mark Neill and Heather Kauer joined the meeting at 4:48 pm.

Discussion focused on the increased substitute employee costs and the statistics around the reasons why costs have increased.

#### **7.3 2025-2026 Budget Plan**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided a copy of the budget calendar and highlighted upcoming events.

### **8.0 MINISTRY INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **9.0 BUDGET INFORMATION**

### **10.0 FUTURE CONSOLIDATIONS**

### **11.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **12.0 REPORTS**

#### **12.1 OCP Update - Presentation from the City of Abbotsford**

The Secretary-Treasurer introduced Ryan Perry, Mark Neill, and Heather Kauer who presented the City of Abbotsford's Official Community Plan Project Update – Abbotsford 2050. The presentation outlined the city's strategic vision for Abbotsford's growth and development.

Trustee Neufeld exited the meeting at 5:14 pm.

Discussion ensued on collaboration and communication between the city and the school district, increased population growth and development in the city and the effects on schools, and capital planning for the future.

### **13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.