

Staff Report



April 15, 2025

To Board of Education (Public Meeting)
From Ray Velestuk, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Re **Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD34-01**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve having all three readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD34-01 in this one meeting.

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD34-01 be given first reading.

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD34-01 be given second reading.

THAT School District No. 34 (Abbotsford) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/26-CPSD34-01, be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 15th day of April, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The following tables identify major capital projects that are approved for funding and can proceed to procurement.

On March 13, 2025, the Province introduced legislation that identifies country of origin requirements for all procurements. What this means is U.S. bidders must be excluded, except in certain circumstances, for all future procurements. The Ministry will have further conversations with school districts as the tariff situation evolves and commit to working closely with you to navigate this challenging situation.

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Seismic Mitigation Program (SMP)
- Expansion Program (EXP)
- Replacement Program (REP)
- Site Acquisition Program (SAP)
- Rural District Program (RDP)

A variety of emergent issues including a number of school fires, unprecedented enrolment growth and a challenging fiscal environment have resulted in a limited ability to advance major capital projects. As a result, there are no new major capital projects in our School District that were supported to move forward at this time.

MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

- School Enhancement Program (SEP)
- School Food Infrastructure Program (FIP)
- Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)
- Building Envelope Program (BEP)
- Playground Equipment Program (PEP)
- Bus Acquisition Program (BUS)

Below are tables for the minor capital projects that are approved. The table identifies School Enhancement Program (SEP), Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP), School Food Infrastructure Program (FIP), as well as the Bus Acquisition Program (BUS).

NEW PROJECTS (SEP, CNCP, BEP, PEP)

The following is a table for approved new capital projects.

NEW PROJECTS (SEP, CNCP, BEP, PEP)			
FACILITY NAME	PROGRAM PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT FUNDED BY MINISTRY	NEXT STEPS & TIMING
Semá:th Elementary	SEP – HVAC Upgrades	\$932,900	Proceed to design, tender and construction. To be completed by March 31, 2026.
Ten Broeck Elementary	SEP – Electrical Upgrades	\$349,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. To be completed by March 31, 2026.
Dave Kandal Elementary	CNCP – HVAC Upgrades	\$437,400	Proceed to design, tender and construction. To be completed by March 31, 2026.
Bakerview Centre for Learning, Centennial Park Elementary, Chief Dan George Middle, Colleen and Gordie Howe Middle, Dormick Park Elementary, Eugene Reimer Middle, Godson Elementary, John Maclure Community School, Ten Broeck Elementary, W.J. Mouat Secondary, William A. Fraser Middle	FIP – Kitchen and Equipment Upgrades	\$163,000	Proceed to design, tender and construction. To be completed by March 31, 2026.

NEW PROJECTS (BUS)

The following is a table for approved new bus acquisition projects.

NEW PROJECTS (BUS)			
NEW/EXISTING BUS FLEET #	NEW/REPLACEMENT BUS TYPE	AMOUNT FUNDED BY MINISTRY	NEXT STEPS & TIMING
0341A	INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE – Type C (70-75) with 0 wheelchair space(s)	TBD	Proceed to design, tender and construction. To be completed by March 31, 2026.
1341A	INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE – Type C (70-75) with 0 wheelchair space(s)	TBD	Proceed to design, tender and construction. To be completed by March 31, 2026.

The Annual Programs Funding Agreement (APFA) accompanies the Capital Plan Response Letter dated March 25, 2025, which outlines specific Ministry and Board related obligations associated with the approved Minor Capital Projects for the 2025/26 fiscal year as listed above.