

## ARGYLE FULL REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

October 20, 2015: The North Vancouver School District continues to make progress with its request for the full replacement of Argyle Secondary School. Since the update provided at the Argyle Parent Advisory Council Meeting on March 2, 2015, key developments are provided below:

- Constructive meetings and communications have continued with Ministry of Education staff through the spring and summer, including a site visit by Ministry staff in June 2015
- The Project Definition Report (PDR) for the replacement project was finalized after a number of updates to meet Ministry requirements and for presentation to the Ministry of Finance
- As a result of price escalation and clarification of project scope, the cost difference between the seismic upgrade (\$37.8M) and the base full replacement (\$45.7) is \$7.9M. The preferred alternative options that incorporate additional space for the multi-purpose / performing arts areas (+1000 sq. m.) and additional classroom capacity and recreation support space (+766 sq. m.) have increased in cost to approximately \$10.7M and \$13.7M respectively. The total cost of the preferred Argyle option is \$51.5M (\$37.8M Ministry + \$13.7M NVSD)
- The North Vancouver School District has now sold the Keith Lynn site (\$5M) and Monterey site (\$6.38M), with proceeds targeted towards the Argyle replacement project. A conditional sale of a surplus parcel of land at the Braemar site (\$2.4M) is proceeding through the municipal process. Together, the proceeds from these three properties will achieve the financing needed for the preferred replacement option at Argyle
- A conditional sale of the Ridgeway Annex site (\$5.1M) is at fourth and final reading with the Council of the City of North Vancouver. This will allow the sale to be completed in November, with proceeds applied to the remaining debt associated with the replacements of Sutherland Secondary and Westview Elementary Schools
- Expressions of Interest were issued in May for architectural and consultant services, followed by a Request for Proposals. Killick, Metz, Bowen and Rose Architects and Planners (KMBR) were selected as the lead consultants for the Argyle project. KMBR have extensive experience in the design and construction of schools in BC, with North Vancouver School District experience including the Sutherland Secondary School replacement project
- During the summer 2015, advance project work was completed including: geotechnical investigation, site survey, arborist assessment, hazardous materials assessment, and non-structural seismic assessment of the existing building
- Meetings were held with the District of North Vancouver (DNV) Planning Department to identify project requirements for both the seismic and full replacement options. DNV staff provided detailed information related to building department reviews, code compliance, local improvements, and expectations related to the 'daylighting' of Kilmer Creek for flood mitigation purposes
- The project request is considered by the Province of BC's Treasury Board as a "Major Capital Project" for review by Treasury, Finance, and the Capital Branch to determine the outcome of the Board's request to advance to a Project Agreement before the end of the calendar year.

The Board of Education looks forward to an invitation to enter into a Project Agreement before the end of the 2015 calendar year.

As information becomes available on this long-awaited project, updates will be posted.

