

Ministik School – Purchase and Sale Agreement (Ward 7)**Report Purpose**

To provide information to Council to approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement to transfer the Ministik School facility from Elk Island Public Schools to Strathcona County.

Recommendation

THAT the Purchase and Sale Agreement between Strathcona County and The Board of Trustees of Elk Island Public Schools Regional Division No. 14 for the Ministik School facility located on Plan 1220579, Block 2, Lot 1MR (SW 15-51-21-W4), as set out in enclosure 2 of the June 25, 2019 Planning and Development Services report, be approved.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Goal 1 – Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents.

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

Goal 6 - Provide facilities and services that are available and accessible to residents

Report

Following the November 27, 2018 Council meeting, administration commenced negotiations with Elk Island Public Schools (the "Board") to proceed with the purchase of Ministik School. These negotiations have concluded and as a result a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement") has been prepared and accepted by the Board. The Agreement outlines the arrangement between the County and the Board with respect to consideration and closing conditions.

Facility Services conducted a building assessment and have identified areas that would need to be addressed in order to bring the facility to operational standards. These are outlined and detailed in Enclosure 3. The costs to complete these upgrades are unknown at this time as the end use of the facility has not yet been determined. A separate report will be brought back to Council to address the budget and associated funding at a later date. There are, however operating costs of approximately \$12,500 needed to maintain essential services (power, gas) from the date of ownership transfer until the end of 2019.

Discussions with Councillor Lawrence and the Ministik Community Association are underway. The group is currently working on developing a Business Viability Plan for the County's review and expects to have this complete by the end of 2019.

Council and Committee History

November 27, 2018 Council approved " THAT Administration negotiate with Elk Island Public Schools for the purchase of the Ministik school building, on the terms as tentatively agreed; and
THAT Administration prepare a report with the estimated maintenance and operating costs required and any resulting proposed budget amendment; and
THAT the Ward Councillor meet with community representatives to discuss next steps."

Other Impacts

Policy: SER-012-011 Land Management

Legislative/Legal: The form of agreement was reviewed and drafted by the County and Elk Island Public Schools solicitors.

Interdepartmental: Legislative and Legal Services, Facility Services, Recreation Parks and Culture

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Enclosures

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| 1 | Airphoto |
| 2 | Purchase and Sale Agreement |
| 3 | Building Assessment |