

# Memorandum

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Date: September 30, 2019  
Submitted by: Mayor Rob Vagramov  
Subject: 2019 Eligible School Sites Proposal

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On September 30, 2019, I met with Barb Hobson, Board Chair of School District #43 to discuss the School Site Acquisition Charge and gain more clarity on the situation. From this meeting, I was provided clarification of the School District's intentions. The way I see it, the School Site Acquisition Charge (SSAC) and the actual siting, land acquisition and school facility are two separate issues, and that SSAC's are only collected if the City approves development. The SSAC does not mean that a school will be built on any specific site, or that the Municipality is agreeing to school facility development, or development to support a school.

After reviewing the archived video stream from the July 2019 meeting, I must admit a certain amount of disappointment in the discussion that took place. Council's original objections, which I shared and expressed to the SD43 Board in no uncertain terms during our Joint Meeting on February 13, 2019, were that the loco school site was placed in an area with no density projections in the City's OCP, and that the *Waterfront* school site was too prescriptive in its location. A secondary concern, regarding the potential duplication of current SD43 sites on St. Johns Street was mentioned as well.

Of these three concerns, two were fully addressed by SD43, prior to the July 2019 Council Meeting. The loco site was rightly scrapped, and the Waterfront site was renamed 'Moody Centre' so as to allow flexibility in its deployment. I do not find it reasonable to hold up the School District's collection of development levies (across multiple municipalities) on the pretext of our secondary concern – that existing sites on St Johns St may be better suited. At most, this should be framed as a comment, as this decision is not one that will be made for decades to come by SD43. Regardless of eventual site selection, the School District will require funds to build anything; Funds that Port Moody is currently, and unfortunately, preventing SD43 from collecting.

I am recommending that City of Port Moody Council no longer object to the proposed acquisition of the site for a new elementary school at Port Moody Centre and that the following resolution be passed:

**THAT School District No. 43's 2019 Eligible School Sites Proposal dated June 11, 2019 be accepted as recommended in the report dated June 27, 2019 from the Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding 2019 Eligible School Sites Proposal Resolution – School District No. 43 (Coquitlam).**

Attachment(s)

1. Report dated June 27, 2019 from the Planning and Development Department – Policy Planning Division regarding 2019 Eligible School Sites Proposal Resolution – School District No. 43 (Coquitlam).



## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**No Signature - Task assigned to Stephanie Ivall was completed by workflow administrator Tracey Takahashi**

Stephanie Ivall

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