

Hudson Seismic Mitigation

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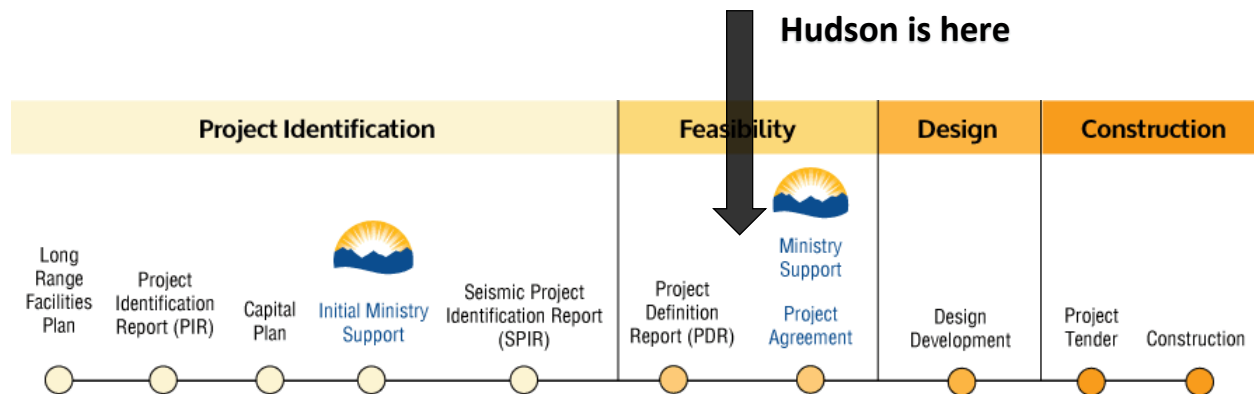
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Dear Hudson students and parents,

This fall, we had been expecting an announcement from the Ministry of Education about a seismic mitigation strategy for Henry Hudson Elementary. As you know, the school has been assessed as an H1 school – one at the highest levels of seismic risk – and is in the queue for BC's Seismic Mitigation Program (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/capital/seismic-mitigation>).

We were informed that a more detailed costing exercise has delayed that announcement. Some of the recent seismic projects have experienced cost overruns and Hudson will be the first school to undergo this extra due diligence. As a consequence, the earliest that we might expect an announcement is now January.

At this point, the school remains in the business case development phase. A proposal, called a Project Definition Report or PDR, was originally submitted to the Ministry of Education in February 2019 and its budget is currently being updated as part of this more detailed costing exercise.



Each school undergoing a seismic project establishes a seismic advisory group (SAG). Its purpose is to disseminate data to all stakeholder groups simultaneously and to facilitate consultation. Hudson's SAG has now been established and will remain in force for the duration of the project. Members of the SAG include:

- Laura MacDougall (Chair, Hudson Seismic Committee)
- Robert Ford (PAC Chair)
- Kelly Han (Executive Director, HOOSC)
- 2 Hudson teachers
- 1 CUPE representative



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- 1 member of the International Union of Operating Engineers
- Hudson Principal or VP
- A VSB liaison
- Architects and engineers from the Vancouver Project Office

At this initial meeting, it was confirmed that certain items will not be covered by the Seismic Mitigation Program, if Hudson becomes a full replacement school (rather than a reinforcement of the existing building). The seismic committee has done a survey of other PACs to identify these items and to get an idea of associated costs. What we are hearing is that the Ministry of Education and the VSB will not fund any non-structural improvements made to the school through the seismic mitigation process. Examples of these include furniture for new common spaces and smaller scale furniture for smaller classrooms, landscaping, projectors and other technology (wiring provided with a new school but no compatible equipment), and in some cases playground equipment (either new purchase or storage of old equipment during the rebuild process). PAC passed a line item in its new budget for dedicated seismic funds, but it is clear that additional fundraising will be required if Hudson is fully replaced.

As your SAG reps, Robert and I will continue to communicate information from these meetings to the larger Hudson Seismic Committee, to the PAC and to the Hudson parent and student community at large through bulletins such as this, and through updates at PAC meetings. We invite parent questions, feedback and input at PAC meetings or through the PAC email (HUDSONPAC@gmail.com) and expect to consult with you from time to time on important issues through surveys or special meetings. You can also write the PAC email to get more actively involved with the Hudson Seismic Committee.

For those interested in better understanding the various players and organizations involved in the seismic mitigation process, please reference the attached graphic.

I look forward to ongoing engagement with all of you.

Sincerely,

Laura MacDougall

Chair, Hudson Seismic Committee



Who's who?

