



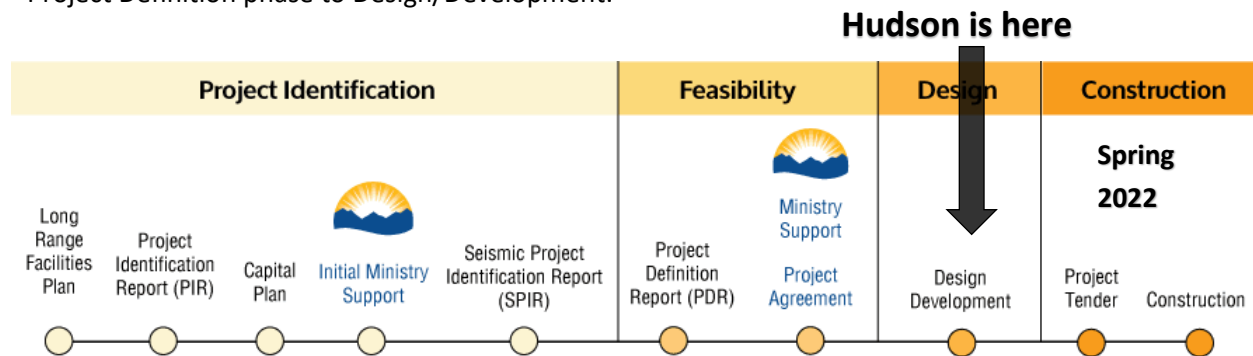
# Hudson Seismic Mitigation

Bulletin #3

May, 2021

Dear Hudson students and parents,

Last June, Henry Hudson's seismic Project Agreement was announced. This triggered a move from the Project Definition phase to Design/Development.



Highlights of the announcement included:

- The VSB jointly funded the project with the Province in order to allow for a new build (the cheapest option was to retrofit)
- Construction is to start in Spring 2022
- The school will be rebuilt as a K-7 school with 19 classrooms
- The existing preschool will move into the ground floor of school
- Out of school care will move into multipurpose rooms on the ground floor. These are shared spaces as part of a neighbourhood learning space grant
- In addition to this, there will be daycare space (1-4yrs) plus 30 additional out of school care spaces built on a third floor
- The school is being designed for an eventual 6 classroom addition when capital funding permits. It is unknown at this time whether this will be included as part of the Spring 2022 build, or accommodated at a later date
- No temporary school accommodation will be required for students since the new school will be built on the west end of the field while the old one is still in operation.

Two Public consultations were done - one in July and one in Sept, 2020. Comments collected via survey related primarily to:

- Requests for further increases to the provision of OOSC spaces (12 responses)
- Requests for additional school capacity (8 responses)
- Requests to consider retaining the frame building (8 responses)
- Questions about the design of the outdoor play areas including requests for basketball court area (6 responses)
- Requesting further information or measures for sustainable buildings and construction methods (5 responses)



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At an April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Seismic Advisory Group (SAG), it was confirmed that design is on schedule and that a development review with the City is underway with application for building permits expected in fall of 2021. The project is still on track for a spring 2022 construction start.

Some features of the new design include:

- Main entrance at the corner of Cornwall and Maple with street parking on York to be used for drop off and pick up
- Playing field at the NE corner of the lot
- Centre courtyard, with sliding gate for outdoor classroom
- Outdoor basketball courts adjacent to the new gym, which will face Cornwall to provide a noise and traffic barrier for the rest of the school
- Natural play area with logs, bushes, etc to east of playing field
- Staff parking lot at the SE corner of the lot (York and Cypress) with access using the existing driveway from York
- Hudson's 2 big existing play structures will be reused and located to the west of the parking area

The teachers have been working with the architects on a more detailed plan of the landscaping which they are designing to support natural play. A future SAG meeting will review these plans in more detail. The school has also been busy conducting an inventory of items (furniture, AV equipment, etc) that will be moved to the new location. This will be reviewed at future SAG meetings so that PAC has some understanding of areas where PAC funding may support additional improvements.

As your SAG reps, Nicole 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](mailto:HUDSONPAC@gmail.com)).

Sincerely,

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