

BOARD EDC POLICY

DDSB Alternative Arrangements for School Accommodation

1. Background

- (1) A number of legislative provisions encourage school boards to consider alternate arrangements for accommodation of elementary and secondary school pupils to the usual arrangement under which a school site is acquired and a stand-alone school is built on it.
- (2) Ontario Regulation 20/98 provides that the education development charge background study contain:
 6. A statement of the board's policy concerning possible arrangements with municipalities, school boards or other persons or bodies in the public or private sector, including arrangements of a long-term or cooperative nature, which would provide accommodation for the new elementary school pupils and new secondary school pupils estimated under paragraph 3 of section 7, without imposing education development charges, or with a reduction in such charges.
 7. If a previous education development charge background study completed by the board included a statement under paragraph 6, a statement or how the policy referred to in the statement was implemented and, if it was not implemented, an explanation of why it was not implemented.
- (3) Regulation 446/98 (Reserve Funds) permits a school board to utilize proceeds in the Pupil Accommodation Allocation Reserve Fund for the acquisition of school sites as part of transactions under which the board also acquires school building on the school sites.
- (4) Section 210.1 of the *Municipal Act* authorizes municipalities and school boards to enter into arrangements under which they can provide for exemptions from taxation for municipal and school purposes of land or a portion of it that is entirely occupied and used or intended for use for a service or function that may be provided by a "school board" or municipality. It also authorizes an exemption to be given from municipal and education development charges in certain circumstances.
- (5) The board recognizes that alternative arrangements can provide an opportunity to improve service delivery and peak enrolment capacity, reduce duplication of public facilities, maximize the effective use of available dollars, and reduce site size requirements. These include a variety of acquisition strategies such as forward buying, options, purchases, lease buy-back, site exchanges and joint venture partnerships.

- (6) The board's record demonstrates this commitment:
- Maxwell Heights PS site exchange
 - Building C.E. Broughton PS on 5 acres of land owned by the Board (Anderson CVI), therefore incurring no land cost
 - Ajax Multi-Use project
 - Community Use General Purpose Rooms
 - Several Option Agreements currently in place