



The Planning Act Amendment Request

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Regular Board Meeting

The Ad Hoc Land Planning Committee has met with a number of elected officials from the province. At each meeting it has been discussed, section 136 (1) of The Planning Act. At the meeting with Leader of Opposition and Lac Du Bonnet MLA, Wayne Ewasko, Dawson Trail MLA Bob Legasse and Springfield-Ritchot MLA Ron Schuler all suggested to have the board prepare a letter and formally submit the request to the province including them and Minister of Education.

On June 10th the committee also met with the Minister of Education Nello Altomare, and he also agreed to the suggestion to formally submit a letter with the request.

Section 136 (1) from The Planning Act states:

“Money in place of public reserve or school lands

136(1) The council may require the owner of land that is the subject of a proposed subdivision to provide money to the municipality or a school board or school district in place of dedicating land for public reserve purposes or for school purposes under section 135, item 6(b) or (c). The amount paid must be equivalent to the value of the land that would have been dedicated”

The section contains the word “may” and the division would benefit from the term must. This would then require developers with subdivisions to provide funds or land to the division. Doing so will assist with capital costs such as additional buses to the fleet or purchase of land for school expansion and/or additions. The revised section would then state:

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To formalize the process a motion should be passed

Recommended Motion

Be it resolved the Board approve and direct the Superintendent or designate to prepare a letter to elected officials and applicable provincial department recommending The Planning act Section 136 (1) to be amended.