

**Milton LTAP Public Information Meeting
Question and Answer**

Q. Is there any plan to include French Immersion at the new Milton Secondary School?

A. When the boundary is set for the new school, program options will also be discussed. Milton Super Council and the community will be involved in these discussions.

Q. What is the timing of the new Milton Secondary School?

A. There have been issues with regards to the site, located at 4th Line and Louis St. Laurent. Mattamy Homes and the Town of Milton went outside of the normal process to move ahead with the sale of the site to the Halton District School Board, with a plan to build the school ahead of the housing in the area. It was determined that Storm Water Management Ponds were required and there are also certain requirements as a result of being located with the Greenbelt.

The Board has prepared a design that fits the Ministry funding formula and plans to be in the ground by summer 2010. It is anticipated that it will take 24 months to complete the project. The school is planned to open in September 2012, if it is completed earlier there is an opportunity to host an open house for families to come and tour the facility.

Q. Will the new Milton Secondary School replace E.C. Drury?

A. We are keeping E.C. Drury and exploring possible future uses of the school (i.e. as holding school, or for offices). The new secondary school will not “replace” E.C Drury. A boundary study will be undertaken with the community to set boundaries for the new secondary school. This committee will commence its work in the fall of 2010.

Q. What will the boundary be for the new Milton Secondary School?

A. A committee will be created before summer with the intention of convening in early September to discuss the new boundary. The objective would be to take a recommendation to Trustees late in 2010 or early in 2011 so that elementary students can plan for their secondary education, knowing where they will attend.

Q. Regarding Milton #7 and Milton #8, are there any prospects for sites in East Milton?

A. Yes, discussions are ongoing with Trustees, Planning, Town Staff and developers about vigorously pursuing a site east of Thompson Road for an elementary school. The final location is still considered confidential at this point.

Q. Will Milton #7 and Milton #8 be used to take the pressure off of Hawthorne Village or to accommodate future growth?

A. It is staff’s intention to locate a school in a manner to reduce the pressure on Hawthorne Village P.S., and Bruce Trail P.S.

Q. What is the proposed timing of Milton#7 and Milton #8?

A. The Board no longer associates timelines with planned schools where the site has not yet been purchased. Instead, the Board waits until the site is owned before informing the community about the proposed timing for opening the school. At this time we have not purchased a site for either Milton #7 or Milton #8 and as such we cannot confirm a time for the school to open. Additionally, the Ministry will not approve a new school unless the Board already owns the site.

Q. Will children attending Tiger Jeet Singh (Milton #4) be pulled out to attend Milton #7 and Milton #8?

A. There is an effort to avoid unnecessary moves of students and to reduce the number of moves a student must make. That being said, there are no guarantees at this point on what the new school boundaries will be. Again, this is a discussion that would include Milton Super Council and the community.

Q. Will French Immersion be offered at any of the new Milton Elementary schools?

A. Yes. Tiger Jeet Singh will open as a dual track French Immersion school. For 2010/2011 the FI program will be offered for Grade 1 students. In 2011/2012 FI will be offered to Grades 1 and 2. Subsequent grades years will be added as the FI population moves through TJ Singh.

Q. This is more of a programming question, but are there any plans for a "late" Immersion program in Milton?

A. Not at this time.

MILTON SUPER COUNCIL

At the meeting, it was noted that not everyone in attendance was familiar with Milton Super Council. Donna Danielli, School Board Trustee, took a moment to describe the Super Council.

Super Council meets approximately once per month. The Super Council includes a parent council representative and principal from each of the schools (usually the school council chairperson), as well as the Milton Trustee and Superintendent (Yaw Obeng). This council takes a collective approach to discussing accommodation issues and often invites guest speakers to provide updates and information.

Q. Is the Super Council updating the website?

A. Superintendent Yaw Obeng explained that the existing Super Council minutes on the Board website were uploaded by planning staff while certain boundary discussions were taking place in Milton but that there hasn't been a need to for planning staff to continue updating these.

Q. What is the plan for older Milton schools? Is there any plan for renewal?

A. Of its total \$7 million annual allocation for school renewal, the Board has only \$3 million each year for renewal of its school buildings. We do have a process to prioritize investments in our buildings and will continue to work to ensure we have safe and secure learning environments.

Q. Is Tiger Jeet Singh going to open on schedule?

A. We haven't been given any indication that this school would not open as planned in September. If the circumstances were to change, there would need to be an accommodation plan put in place for the community.

Q. Is the School Board aware of the Education Park in Milton (which includes college and university campuses)?

A. Yes, the planning department and principals are aware of the Education Park and looking at integrating programs and services where possible.

Q. Why is the area east of Thompson Rd., west of the Armstrong Blvd, south Derry Rd., north of pipeline scheduled to move to Tiger Jeet Singh PS (Milton #4) in September?

A. Hawthorne Village is experiencing accommodation pressures. The Milton Super Council and the Planning Department reviewed boundaries and accommodation in 2008/09 using a number of criteria. It was determined that this area could be accommodated in Milton #4 (Tiger Jeet Singh PS). Boundary changes are not made lightly. The review can be found on the web by clicking [here](#).

Q. Several of the JK parents and newly registered parents were not informed of this move.

A. All current students were notified at the time of the decision. Additionally, the decision was made public on the Board website and through a news release. Parents will be notified shortly, by way of a letter, if they are scheduled to move to the new Tiger Jeet Singh PS.
The Boundary Map for Tiger Jeet Singh grades JK -7 can be found by clicking [here](#).

Q. We live with in the 1.6 km walking distance and were told Tiger Jeet Singh was a walking school, but I have safety concerns about my 4-year old crossing Thompson Road.

A. The Town of Milton will be requested to place a crossing guard on Thompson Road to assist students to cross at the controlled intersection.

Q. Where will bus stops be? Can a bus stop be placed at Hawthorne Village PS?

A. In general, during early August, all student locations are downloaded into a software system (Edu-Log). This system helps to determine the best places for bus stops. This information can be found online at www.haltonbus.ca. Halton Student Transportation Services has confirmed that a bus stop can not be placed at Hawthorne Village PS, because the location is not within the eligible area being transported to the new Tiger Jeet Singh P.S..

Q. What is Optional Attendance? Will Hawthorne Village be open for Optional Attendance?

A. The Halton District School Board encourages elementary students to attend the school designated for families in their area. However, there is an opportunity for students residing in Halton Region to apply for enrolment in a school outside of their attendance area if the school has sufficient pupil places to accommodate them. Hawthorne Village will be closed for Optional Attendance.

Q. Do future enrolment numbers quoted for ERA120 & 121 include the "Boyne Survey" development that will begin south of Louis St. Laurent and is projected to have a population of 60,000 by 2016?

A. No, the future enrolment, as presented in the LTAP, does not include the Boyne Survey numbers. At the time LTAP was produced the Boyne Survey numbers were not available to the School Board.

The Boyne Survey population and estimated unit numbers were circulated to the Board earlier this year. The Town has indicated an estimated population of 15,200 by 2016 and 47,400 by 2021. The Board has provided comments on the proposed Boyne Secondary plan to the Town of Milton regarding the need for elementary and secondary school sites in this new area.