

## **New Half Moon Bay Public School Study – Question and Answer #1 (March 12, 2021)**

### **Community Design Plan Background:**

In the early 2000's the City of Ottawa initiated the development of concept plans for the future Half Moon Bay Community in conjunction with the City's Official Plan. During the consultation process, the OCDSB outlined its future need for 3 elementary school sites. In 2006, the Barrhaven South Community Design Plan was approved by the City and later in 2018 the Barrhaven South Expansion Area CDP was approved. These two CDP plans, envisioned over 8,600 dwelling units for the future community. With approx. 7100 units built to date, the area is beginning to approach build out.

The Board also identified its need for a future secondary school site, which has now been incorporated into the CDP. This school would ultimately serve students within the larger south Nepean area.

School Boards work closely with the City Planning Department as development areas become established across the City and proceed toward development. Early stages include the development of a Community Design Plan (CDP) which outlines desired development patterns and growth, in conjunction with the City's Official Plan. Boards provide input at this stage for each CDP, using City Official Plan unit/population numbers and indicate the potential number of school sites needed for the future.

As a public agency, we receive all City of Ottawa development applications and provide comment, as required.

- 1. If the boundary is limited to 8600 units, will we have enough children to support a third elementary school? Where is that school going to be? Do we have a rough estimate of timeline for that school? (understanding that there are many factors that may affect this timeline)**

The starting vision for this study is to provide viable programming and schools within the community by using the current Half Moon Bay PS boundary which is located entirely in the Barrhaven South CDP area. While the unit count is in the 8600+ range there is the future possibility of further expansion areas to the urban boundary, proposed by the City). If there is a requirement for a third school, an accommodation review would be undertaken and could extend beyond the immediate boundary area.

The school site is located in the proposed Tamarack Homes, Meadows Subdivision (phase 5-6, west of the future Greenbank Road realignment)

*See CDP Plans below:*

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## Barrhaven South CDP Plan

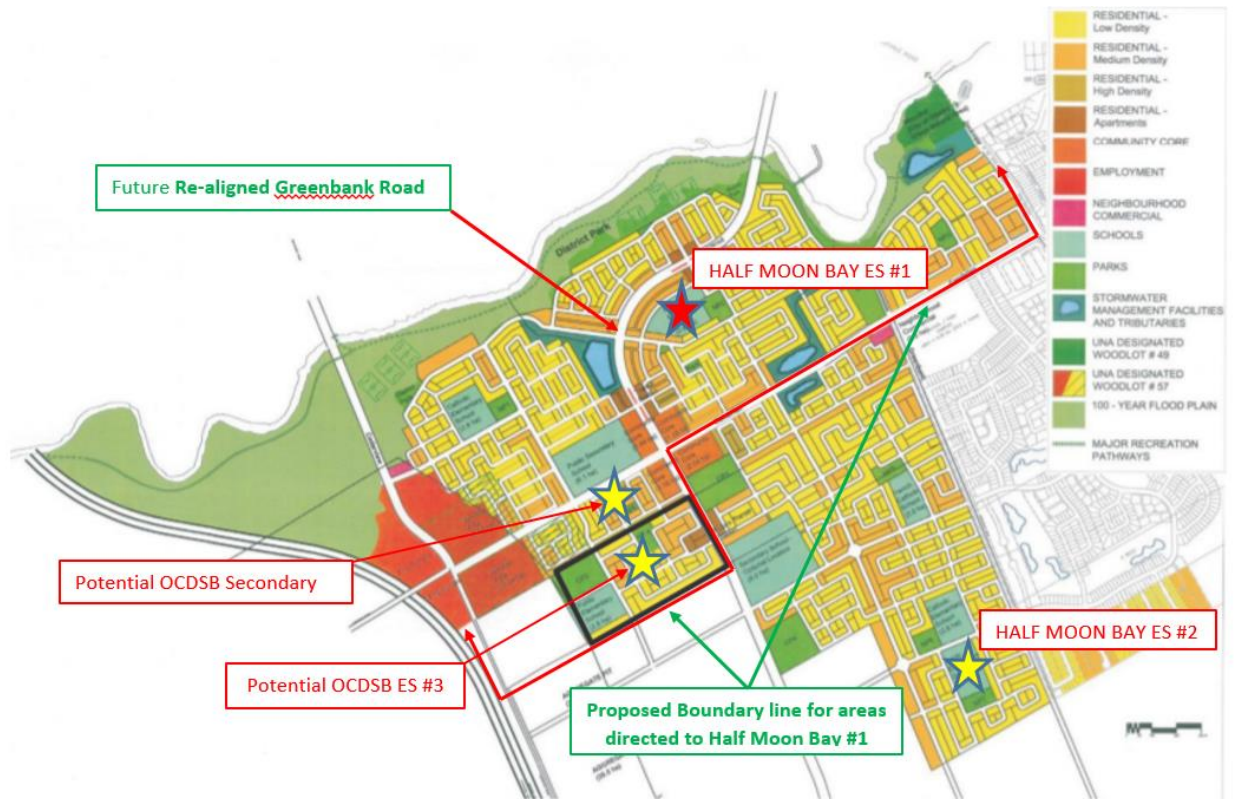


Figure 10: CDP Demonstration Plan (Approximate Location of Meadows Phase 5 Identified in Black)

Excerpt from City of Ottawa Community Design Plan with added notes for information purposes.  
(This plan created March 2021)

**Barrhaven South Expansion Area CDP Plan**

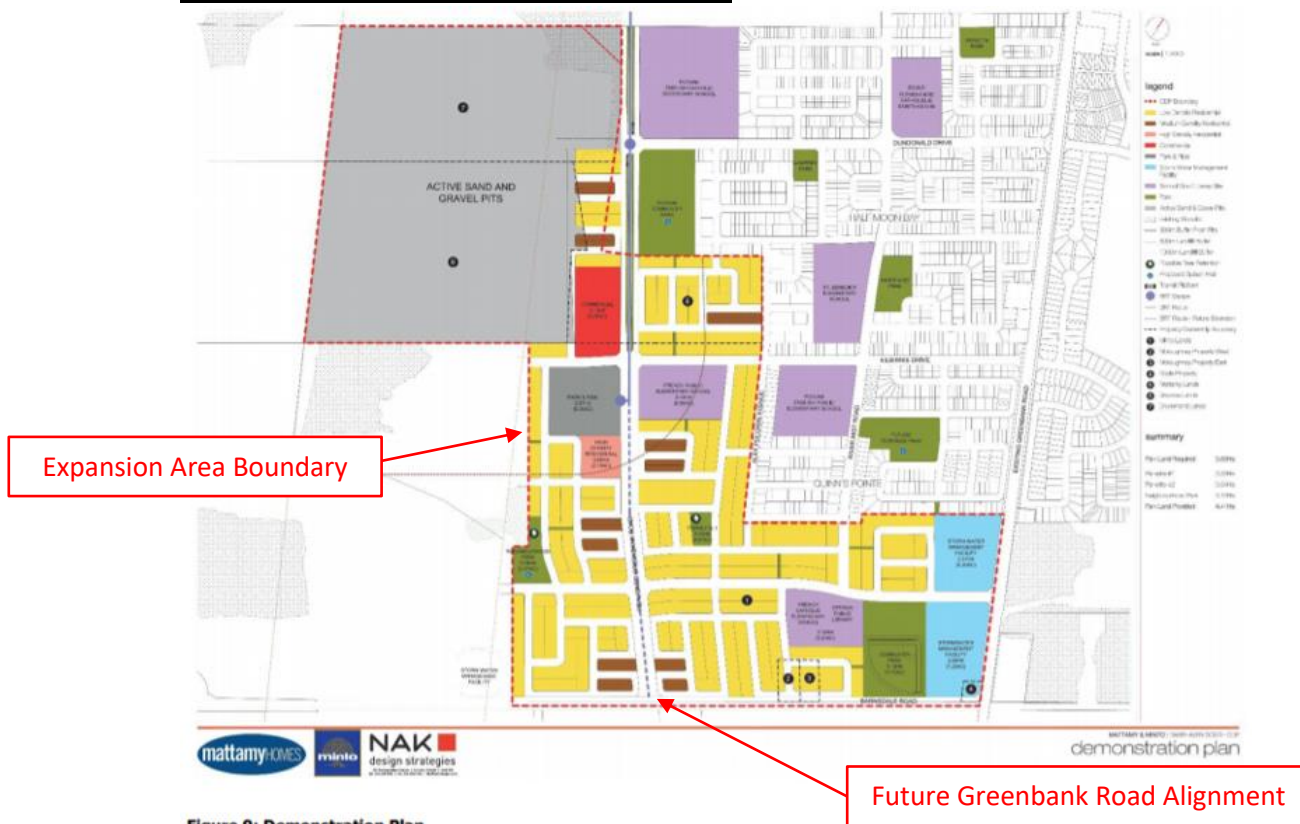


Figure 9: Demonstration Plan

2. Is there a timeline for the secondary school? (understanding that this is subject to change, but it would help if we are looking at 5 years or 15 years) What areas of Barrhaven will be going to the new secondary school?

A potential time horizon for this secondary school could be in a 7yr + time frame. As you may be aware, the Board recently received funding for a new Riverside South Secondary School, with a scheduled opening date of 2024. This school may serve to reduce current enrolment pressures at both John McCrae SS and at LDS SS.

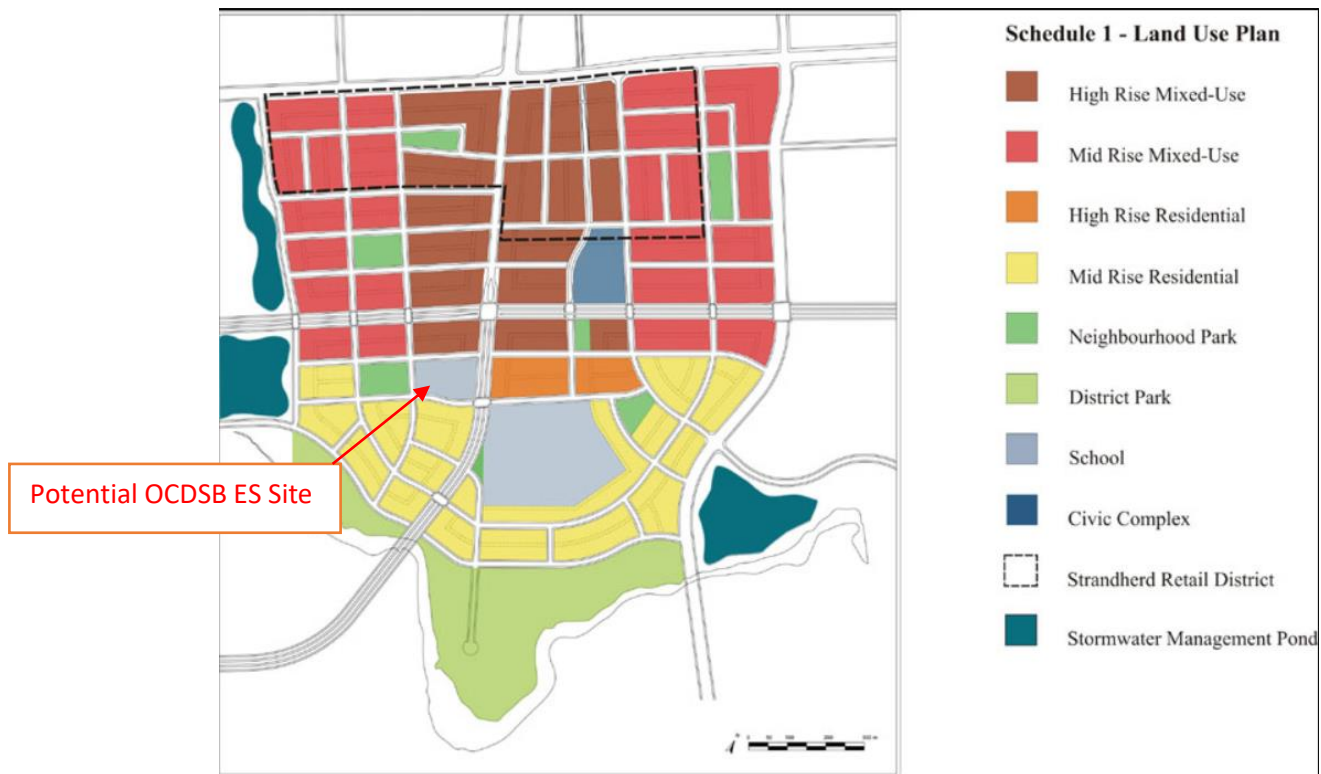
3. I understand that there is also a parcel of land that OCDSB has purchase in the undeveloped area south of the driving range (close to St. Joe's). Is that also going to be a secondary school? Do you have more information about the plan for that school? Timeline? Grades? Pulling students from which areas of Barrhaven?

The OCDSB does have an elementary school site identified in the location that you note, but it is situated within the South Nepean Town Centre(SNTC) CDP area, located north of the Jock River. The 4.0 acre elementary school site (we do not own), has frontage on the west side of Greenbank Road (generally north/west of St. Joseph's HS). The subdivision is not registered yet and the site may not be needed for a 7-10 year timeframe.

The site/school design would be very different to the typical suburban school/site layout and could be more typical to an inner city school site.

A boundary review would be required and might include existing and developing areas, north of the Jock River. (See *Land Use Plan from SNTC - CDP below*)

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4. Is there any information available on how funding will be allocated if the new schools end up being JK-8? Will it go to the school for them to allocate as they see fit? Or will funds be directed to elementary age vs middle school age in order to invest in middle school related programming? (understanding of course that programming will not be able to compare to a school dedicated to middle school students)

The approved funding and size for both Half Moon Bay Schools are for JK-8 facilities. There is a team that includes OCDSB school staff as well as finance staff that oversee the distribution of needs (furniture, specialty spaces, supplies etc.) for each school per the approved grade structure.

5. I have not seen an email with the links posted. Have the documents been posted yet? If so, can the links be shared? - Also, it was suggested that the amount of information was difficult for the most people to digest. Is it possible to create a table or simpler format to present the options?

All documents to date have been posted to the Half Moon Bay webpage located on the OCDSB webpage. The link and email address has been provided to the school principals and you via email.

Link: <https://ocdsb.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=55478&pageId=33595193>

Email address: [newhmbayschoolstudy@ocdsb.ca](mailto:newhmbayschoolstudy@ocdsb.ca)

We are working on a similar format for presenting the options. This will hopefully be available for the next meeting along with other options proposed for consideration at the first Advisory Group Working meeting.