



Memorandum

Date: June 23, 2023
To: Board of Education
From: Rob Drew, Director of Operations

Action Item: **Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission (Minor Programs) - School Food Infrastructure Program**

1.0 ISSUE STATEMENT

As part of the Ministry of Education and Child Care (the "Ministry") announcement to provide \$214M to school districts over the next 3 years to create and expand food programs, the Ministry has provided a late Call for Submission – Minor Programs in support of the 2023/2024 Food Infrastructure Program (FIP). The District has the opportunity to submit a request by June 30, 2023, for consideration and potential funding by the Fall of 2023 to enhance food infrastructure within our schools.

2.0 RELEVANT BOARD MOTION/DIRECTION

N/A.

3.0 BACKGROUND

The Food Infrastructure Program ("FIP") is a new annual program intended to assist school districts with creating, improving, or expanding infrastructure to feed students. The FIP is directly tied to government's newly announced "Feeding Futures" program, which is a commitment to ensure students are properly fed for learning, to enhance positive academic and healthy outcomes for students.

The FIP may be used to provide the following upgrades:

- Refrigerated vehicles to support the delivery of prepared meals from centralized kitchen facilities to schools.
- The purchase and installation of new or used kitchen equipment (e.g., refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, stoves, ovens, etc.).
- Space and functionality improvements to ensure kitchens meet local health authority requirements.
- Equipment and infrastructure to support traditional food gathering and preparation (e.g., fishing equipment, smokehouses, non-fur trapping equipment).
- Food storage (refrigerated or dry storage).

4.0 POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

District staff will work with school administrators and school staff on the current equipment needs in schools. A report will be brought back to the Planning and Facilities Committee once a plan has been developed.

5.0 OPTIONS FOR ACTION

- (a) Recommend that the Board of Education approve the Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission (Minor Programs) Food Infrastructure Program.
- (b) Provide alternate direction to staff to amend the Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission (Minor Programs) Food Infrastructure Program. The Capital Plan Resolution is due to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by June 30, 2023.

6.0 DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

The 2023/2024 Amended Five-Year Capital Plan Submission (Minor Programs) Food Infrastructure Program was a separate Call for Submission from the Ministry of Education and Child Care outside of the typical capital planning timeframe. The District has created an Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission to advocate for funding to acquire equipment to support the Food Infrastructure Program across the District.

7.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolution for the Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Programs) Food Infrastructure Program as outlined on the attached summary, and as presented at the June 28, 2023 Public Board Meeting.

8.0 APPENDIX

- A. Board of Education Central Okanagan Public Schools Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan Resolution (Food Infrastructure Program)

Appendix A – Food Infrastructure Program Resolution



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June 30, 2023

In accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (*Central Okanagan*) hereby approves the proposed Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Programs) School Food Infrastructure Program, as provided on the Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan Summary submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of the resolution for the approval of the proposed Amended 2023/2024 Five-Year Capital Plan (Minor Programs) Food Infrastructure Program adopted by the Board of Education, on this the 28 day of June 2023.

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO Signature

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