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Major Milestone Reached for New School

A major milestone has been reached for the building of the new Saint John Paul II Academy campus in South Surrey with the submission of the school's rezoning and development permit application to the City of Surrey.

"This is a significant step forward for the project," says Troy Van Vliet, board chair of the Saint John Paul II Academy Foundation.

"It allows the Foundation to initiate the formal engagement with city planners to get the new campus built. It means that city officials can begin their review of our building plans ensuring that all municipal requirements are met."

The development application submitted to the city is a formal request for a change to one or more of the city's existing regulations. When Surrey City Council receives a development request, it seeks input from municipal staff, advisory bodies and the public before deciding whether to grant permission for the development.

The Foundation has been working with Ekistics Architecture and Westbourne Projects Ltd. to ensure that the proposed subdivision layouts and design drawings conform to the city's requirements and all documents, application fees, and forms have been submitted as part of this application.

"There has been a terrific amount of coordination work done to assemble the application by both Ekistics and Westbourne," notes Van Vliet. "This has included land development application forms, data sheets outlining the subdivision, building plans, various consultants reports for soil contamination, the environment, trees and the variances needed.

"We have also undertaken a review by a code consultant to ensure that the building design is compliant with the city's requirements and have factored the fresh water and sanitation requirements for a school that will accommodate 800 students at capacity."

The submission of the Foundation's development application could only be done once the City of Surrey passed its Redwood Heights Neighbourhood Community Plan, the area of South Surrey where the Academy's new campus will be built. The passage of this plan was voted on by councillors at their 4 May council meeting.

"The passage of the Redwood Heights plan," notes Nick Maile of Westbourne Projects Ltd. "was critical in this process as no formal application could be submitted until this plan was approved by the city.

“Having the Redwood Heights plan passed means that the city has now outlined the parameters developers are to work within for the area in how it is to be developed going forward,” adds Maile.

Maile acts as the Saint John Paul II Academy Foundation’s owner’s representative and was appointed to this position in April. He is the principal and owner of Westbourne Projects Ltd., a project management consultancy. Maile’s appointment will see him overseeing the entire design and build of the Academy’s new campus for the Foundation.

“This is also a significant appointment for the Foundation,” adds Van Vliet. “Hiring Nick at the outset of the process will ensure value for money as we go along. He will act as the main point of contact for the project in dealing with architects, engineers, consultants, and contractors.

“Having an owner’s representative in place will safeguard the interests of the Foundation and ensure that the new campus is built on time and on budget,” adds Van Vliet.

Maile is himself a professional engineer who will work closely with the Foundation’s board of directors as well as the board’s building committee to shepherd the process through to completion. Maile is no stranger to serving as an owner’s representative having acted in this capacity for various commercial projects in the lower mainland including among others 1500 Robson and the Pharmaceutical Science Building at UBC and in building a number of school projects including the redevelopment of Vancouver College, building of St. Augustine elementary school, Vancouver Talmud Torah school addition and Vancouver Christian School.

Saint John Paul II Academy is the newest Catholic co-educational secondary school in the Archdiocese of Vancouver having opened its doors in September 2018. It currently operates in White Rock offering a grade 8-10 program at its Pacific Avenue campus. As the school expands grades 11 and 12 will be added from September 2021 and 2022 respectively. It currently has a limited number of places available.

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Images (below)

Architectural Renderings

- 1). Proposed School view along 24th Avenue (at 182nd) in South Surrey
- 2). Elevations of School

Further Details

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Architectural rendering of Saint John Paul II Academy along 24th Avenue at 182nd Street, South Surrey.



Elevations of Saint John Paul II Academy along 24th Avenue, 182nd and 183rd Streets, South Surrey