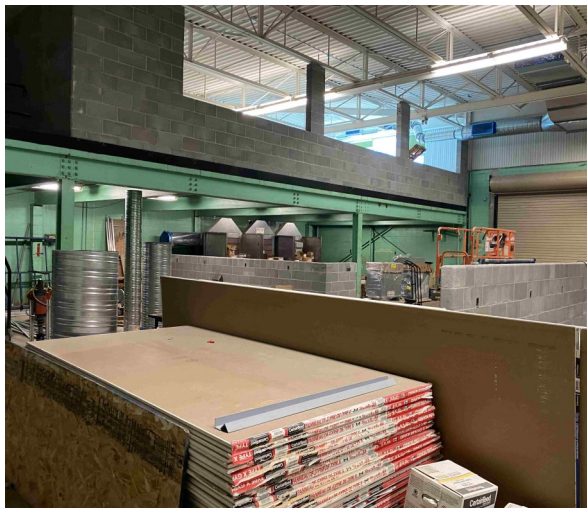


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Atikokan K-12, Child Care and EarlyON Child and Family Centre Project



The renovation project at Atikokan High School is proceeding well, with demolition in the old 7/8 wing to Grayson Hall area almost completed. The contractor is now starting to layout where the new walls will go and has removed the roof in one section as planned. Under that wing, there is building services work going on, such as sewer and storm drainage, while keeping Grayson Hall serviced. The new garage is completed and Maintenance has moved out of the old garage. The renovation of the auto shop into a multi-use shop began as scheduled in February and will be ready for classes in September. The old gym was originally scheduled to be demolished early in the project; however, this space has turned into a trades work and laydown area and will be kept standing for now. Next steps are to begin excavation to construct the foundations for the new building.

Rainy River K-12, Child Care and EarlyON Child and Family Centre Project

Brook McIlroy was selected to be the Architect for this project at the March 2nd Board meeting. Since then, Postma Quantity Surveying was selected via an RFQ process to be the cost consultant for the project. Working with the Architect, we recently completed a massing study and gained feedback from School Administration in regards to adjacencies and the general layout of the school. The Architect is now putting together a draft floor plan for further discussion. We have also received the completed appraisals for the various properties involved in the potential land swap with the municipality. Discussions on this matter are continuing.

Donald Young School Site Plan

For the DYS site plan, a Landscape Request for Proposal was issued on March 24th and closed on April 27th to install a drainage system, general site grading, compacted gravel pathways, basketball area prep, sod and seeding. With a budget of \$280,000, Administration is optimistic that this will be brought forward to the Board for approval at the May 4th Board meeting. Looking forward, once this work is completed and Playgrounds R Us installs the remaining play structures this spring, we will just need to add asphalt to the basketball area and the playground will essentially be completed. When the basketball area is paved, Administration will also look to get the parking lot paved with the same effort. The school community will look for greening grants and other opportunities to add trees to the property.

Donald Young School Child Care



The interior of this project is now completed. We currently have partial occupancy, so that child care staff can enter and start setting up for their program. Exterior brick installation was delayed by a week, but will begin in May and is expected to take

about a week. Playground fencing and final landscaping will be completed after that. DSSAB should be able to apply for licensing and have full occupancy of the child care centre by the end of May.

Facility upgrades through CVRIS

Rainy River District School Board was allocated \$2,068,000 for facility upgrades through the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. The Board applied for a multitude of different projects under this funding stream with the following projects being approved:

- FFHS – Window Replacement (\$300,000)
- FFHS– ERV Ventilation Upgrades (\$800,000)
- CRS – ERV Ventilation Upgrades (\$300,000)
- McT – ERV Ventilation Upgrades (\$250,000)
- NFS– ERV Ventilation Upgrades (\$100,000)
- SCS – ERV Ventilation Upgrades (\$300,000)

Funds will also be used for bottle filling stations at FFHS Intermediate, Education Centre, MCS, SCS, and McT (\$18,000).

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the window replacement project at Fort Frances High School was issued March 4th and closed the end of April, while the process for the ventilation upgrades is currently underway, with draft drawings expected by the end of the month. The bottle filling stations have been ordered and will be installed by maintenance staff this summer. All projects are expected to be completed by December 31st, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Travis Enge at travis.enge@rrdsb.com

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Vision: *"The Rainy River District School Board is an innovative community, nurturing hearts and minds, to build a foundation for tomorrow, today."*

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