

# ***THE RRDSB*** **CAPITAL NEWS**



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## **Capital projects moving forward**

The Rainy River District School Board is pleased to announce that we have received approval from the Ministry of Education on three of our projects and are now moving forward on the Rainy River K-12, Child Care and EarlyON Child and Family Centre Project; the Atikokan K-12, Child Care and EarlyON Child and Family Centre Project; and the Donald Young School Child Care Project.

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

The Ministry approved additional funding for a new consolidated school, with a 39-space childcare and an EarlyON Centre for Rainy River for a total amount of \$10,063,039. This in addition to the previously approved funding brings the total to \$17,648,738. RRDSB will soon be looking at the school site to determine a suitable location for the new build. We will also begin engagement with an architect and working on designs for the new school, which we hope to have finalized by late spring 2021. Through the design phase, we will complete a series of estimates to ensure that we are on budget in order to proceed to tender.

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

The Ministry approved the Board's request for an Approval to Proceed (ATP) to tender the addition to and renovation of Atikokan High School to support the consolidation with North Star Community School, including three child care rooms and an EarlyON centre, for a total amount of \$30,949,076. The Atikokan K-12, Child Care and EarlyON Child and Family Centre Project is expected to go to tender in August and will close in October.

### **Donald Young School Child Care Project**

The Ministry approved Board's request for a revised Approval to Proceed (ATP) in order to award a three-room child care centre addition at Donald Young Public School in Emo to support additional costs. Work is now underway for the 49-space child care centre. The project was tendered and awarded to Tom Jones.

### **Robert Moore School Child Care Project**

Interior renovation work on the Robert Moore School Child Care Project are now complete. The site improvements include a new Kindergarten bus pull off on Fourth Street as the original bus pull off was turned over to the new Child Care Centre which is housed in our old Kindergarten area. Also included is an expansion of parking spaces in the large lot between the Education Centre and Robert Moore School, as well as a new parking lot on the south side of the Education Centre, which will be completed by the end of the month.

### **Donald Young School Site Plan**

In 2020, the RRDSB issued two requests for proposal (RFP) procurement documents in an attempt to obtain a general contractor to complete our site plan for the school. The first RFP was issued on March 11, 2020 and closed on April 29th with no bids received. During this time, the construction sector closed down due to COVID-19 on April 4th and opened again fully on May 19th. The second RFP was issued on May 27th and closed on June 22nd. Two proposals were received. One of the proposals did not meet the mandatory requirements of the RFP and was deemed non-compliant despite efforts to resolve the deficiencies during the rectification period. The other proposal was significantly over budget. RRDSB Administration worked with the proponent to reduce costs; however the proposal still remained significantly over budget at the end of the negotiation process. The RFP was therefore canceled due to it being over budget.

Looking forward, Administration will now complete this project in pieces with a simplified design in order to reduce costs. We are looking to procure and install the play structures first and have them installed before the winter. We will then complete the rest of the project in smaller portions over the summer of 2021.

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