

# VICTORIA HIGH LANDS CONSULTATION GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61

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## Purpose

This FAQ is intended to provide general background information about the land holdings of the School District at around Victoria High. This document will live on the District website and will continue to be updated to provide additional information and ~~ans~~ answer any further questions that ~~may~~ arise.

### 1. Is the Board considering disposing of lands at Vic High?

Yes, the District is proposing to exchange lands with the City of Victoria and then lease lands to the Capital Regional District (CRD) as an expansion to the current lands leased to the CRD.

### 2. What lands are subject to the potential disposition?

The District is proposing to trade the Springridge Commons Site, the Compost Education Site and two lots adjacent to Haegart Park to the City that would remain in their current form. The District would acquire all of the lands that were previously under the Ferrie Technical Building and those that are currently

No, the District, CRD and City all have their own processes to occur prior to any disposition. The District specifically must follow Policy and Regulation <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/our-district/documents/name/regulation7110-disposal-of-real-property/> which includes consultation as well as information that the District must provide follows:

- reasons for sale of the property.
- use of the proceeds of disposal.
- projected enrolment in the District.
- impact on District education programs.
- impact on community use of school buildings.

**5. Why has the District not yet consulted when the concept was announced in fall of 2018?**

The District does not yet have formal confirmation of the approval of the Victoria High project from the Ministry and therefore does not have confirmation of its expected contribution to the project. Without knowing our expected contribution consultation would be premature for two reasons:

1. We would be unable to fully answer the anticipated proceeds of the disposal; and
2. We would be unable to fully answer the potential impact on community and educational programs, in the event that funds would be left over, to enhance school and community amenities after our contribution to the main project was spent.

We were hopeful that we would have project approval by this point but given the complexity and cost of Victoria High—one of the largest school seismic projects in BC history—the approval process has been longer than anticipated.

The CRD has the authorization to start the appropriate zoning processes based on authorization of the District. Any final deal is subject to the Board's final approval and the Board of Education providing approval after consultation.

8. **What will the Board's consultation look like?**