



WESTHEATH CONCEPT PLAN AMENDMENT

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In 2018, the City of Moose Jaw adopted a development concept for the last two phases of the Westheath neighbourhood in South-West Moose Jaw. A new joint elementary school was announced for Westheath in 2020. The school was to be located in the Westheath neighbourhood according to a MOU signed between the City, Ministry and local School Boards. Wallace Insights was contracted to lead the process to amend the neighbourhood concept plan, traffic impact assessment, public engagement and engineering scheme. These reports culminate with a Concept Plan Amendment final report to Moose Jaw City Council.

PROJECT DURATION

September 2020 to September 2021

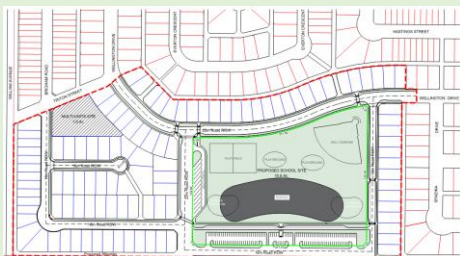
CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

The planned school is large, comprised of two elementary schools – public and separate and up to 1,100 students. There were concerns about the traffic this size of school would have on the existing neighbourhood. Only a ‘limited’ traffic impact assessment could be conducted due to insufficient amounts of existing traffic data from the City and Covid19.

Working with Colliers, SPRA Architects, V3 Companies of Canada Ltd., two options for accommodating the school were created. A preferred option was developed and taken out for online public engagement. Covid19 prevented any in-person engagement. Wallace Insights developed an online survey which was conducted over an extended 3-week period.

Costs were a major factor in determining the outcome of this project as the Ministry of Education had a fixed capital budget for the school, site acquisition and specific roadways and site servicing.

A further complication was that the City was not pleased with the site selection process undertaken by the local school boards. This added to the challenge of making this site work from a political, financial and functional point of view.



SERVICES PROVIDED

Site Analysis	Land Use Approvals
Public Engagement	Civil Engineering
Concept Planning	Traffic Impact Assessment