

# Rossland Neighbourhoods of Learning

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The Rossland Neighbourhoods of Learning committee has been working closely with many different stakeholders and community groups to generate solutions for education in Rossland and in School District # 20 as a whole. Our proposal to School District # 20 will include a section about changing our vision and educational model across the District in order to maintain quality education and create sustainable futures for our schools. The Neighbourhoods of Learning concept could fit very well into this changing vision. The main part of the proposal will include a detailed outline of the two scenarios below. We hope that these scenarios are taken into consideration as part of the Planning for the Future process. Our main goal is to create vibrant, well used spaces for learning for the whole community, while maintaining excellent quality K-12 educational opportunities within Rossland.

## A CHANGING VISION FOR EDUCATION ACROSS THE DISTRICT:

We will be including a section in the proposal regarding quality education and how we can work together as a School District to move forward and use innovative strategies and alternative models to provide quality education to all students in the District. If our schools can work together to offer more choices to students instead of competing to offer the same programs, we will have a more stable educational climate in the region. Examples of successful alternate education models and innovative strategies will be included in the proposal. The focus is on a changing educational paradigm that fits with 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, Neighbourhood Learning Centre concepts, and the mandate for personalized learning.

## SCENARIOS FOR EDUCATION IN ROSSLAND:

Options listed in red are possible ways that the Francophone school could fit into these scenarios. We are waiting for more feedback from the Francophone school in the next two weeks before solidifying their role in the proposal.

### Scenario A:

#### Phase One

- K-12 and Strong Start in RSS by September 2012
- (Francophone school in RSS by 2012)
- MacLean becomes a Neighbourhood Learning Centre (eg. Rossland Rec programs, early learning and after school programs, extra-curricular programs. public library, etc.)
- (or Francophone school moves into MacLean when it becomes an NLC)

#### Phase Two

- If RSS is full with K-12, we should get bumped up sooner on the Ministry of Education build list
- K-12, (Francophone school), and NLC in a new / renovated school building in the future

- The preference is for a major renovation to the existing structure in order to maintain the excellent community spaces we have with the auditorium, cafeteria, and shops, and then build new wings on to those core areas.

## Scenario B:

### Phase One

- Neighbourhood Learning Centre wing in RSS (eg. Rossland Rec programs, early learning and after school programs, extra-curricular programs. public library, etc.)
- 6-12 in RSS
- K-5 and Strong Start in MacLean
- (Francophone school could move into RSS in the near future)

### Phase Two

- If RSS is full with 6-12, (Francophone school), and an NLC wing, we should get bumped up sooner on the Ministry of Education build list
- When we get a new / renovated school, RSS can then accommodate K-12, (Francophone school), and an NLC
- The preference is for a major renovation to the existing structure in order to maintain the excellent community spaces we have with the auditorium, cafeteria, and shops, and then build new wings on to those core areas.