

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021,

Mr. Joe Rocca  
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City of Greater Sudbury

David Shelsted,  
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City of Greater Sudbury

**Re: Proposed New Catholic Elementary School  
MR 80, Val Therese**

The Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (CSC Nouvelon) is looking forward to continuing its collaboration with the City of Greater Sudbury on the Active Transportation file at the site of the new school as well as at all schools located in the City. As you are aware, the CSC Nouvelon is in the process of consolidating three existing schools and planning for the construction of a new school located on MR80 in Val Thérèse. A traffic light at Shirley Street and MR80 has been requested to ensure safety measures are in place for this school.

The CSC Nouvelon is a school board that has always prioritized sustainability as well as green initiatives, both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. In recent years, the Board has been recognized in the top five school boards by **Climate Challenge Network** at <https://sustainableschools.ca/>. We build green schools and we focus on the integration of the environment in the classroom curriculum. We also encourage students to become eco-responsible citizens.

The Board also collaborates with the Sudbury Student Services Consortium (SSSC) on initiatives related to the transportation of our students. For example, the board has different walk distances for different student groups. The implementation of walk distances ensures that a certain number of students are required to walk to school. This reduces transportation costs, but most importantly encourages

students to walk or bike to school. We have noticed in the past years that more and more students are being driven to schools and as a result, the four school boards have partnered with the SSSC to share information with parents on the emissions created by driving students to school. This ongoing campaign also highlights the benefits of physical activity for students.

Currently at Jean-Paul II, an elementary school in Val Caron, there are numerous walking and biking initiatives in place. A staff member accompanies the students to the traffic light at Main Street in order to facilitate the crossing of the street by the students. The staff member takes the opportunity to regularly share crossing strategies with the students who walk or bike to school. In addition to this, the school has numerous bicycle racks for the students to park their bicycles during the school day. The school Principal collaborates with Greater Sudbury Police to offer educational sessions to the students on various safety practices, for example: cycling, walking and crossing intersections. The Principal also communicates with parents on a regular basis regarding the implementation as well as the benefits of the initiatives.

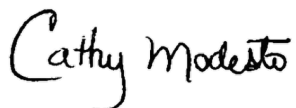
CSC Mouflon is committed to continuing its important sustainable and green initiative work. At the new school, many of the initiatives that exist at Jean-Paul II will be in place. For example, a staff member will accompany students to ensure the students cross MR80 in a safe manner. The school will also solicit volunteer parents who will accompany students across MR80. The school will continue to encourage the use of the sidewalks foot paths as well as bicycle paths that will lead to the school. Several bicycle racks will be installed in order to encourage the students to travel to school with their bicycles.

CSC Nouvelon is extremely interested in continuing its collaboration with the City of Greater Sudbury, as well as all other partners, on numerous initiatives: walking, bussing, recycling and composting, construction as well as many others.

The school Board would like to thank the City's administration team to taking the time to discuss this important issue regarding the construction of our new school.

Should you have any additional questions, I am always available.

Regards



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Le Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario

