

Holy Family CRD #37 2017-2020 Three Year Facility Plan

St. Andrew's School

St. Andrew's School – New Gym and Reconfiguration 4617 – 53 Avenue, High Prairie

Gross Area (Sq. M)	6792
Replacement Cost 2009	\$23,966,630
Original Construction Year	1957
Original Audit Score:	420
5 Year Facility Condition Index 2010 (FCI):	11.49%
Grades:	ECS – 12
Adjusted Enrolment 2015-16:	576
Capacity:	791
Utilization 2015-16:	73%

Facility Needs

The provincial audits identified sections to be modernized in the next three to five years. Components of the mechanical and electrical will require significant upgrading. Funding for these upgrades will be beyond that allocated for IMR.

A roof replacement plan has been prepared and it is estimated that 400,000 in additional funds will be required to complete the replacements. This is in addition to the \$930,000 that has invested in roof replacement in the past 4 years. The roof replacement is now 80% complete. It is expected that roof replacement and upgrading of exterior wall systems and windows at St. Andrew's will continue to absorb a significant portion of the IMR allocations for the foreseeable future. Roofing and other upgrades are currently being funded through IMR.

The school requires a new two station junior/senior high gym to accommodate high school sports teams. The existing gym is undersized and is a major safety concern for volleyball and basketball. The existing junior/senior high gym would be converted to CTS and other instructional space.

Facility Upgrades

A concept plan is required to re-configure the school so instructional space is consistent with new standards. Since regionalization in 1997/98 to 2014/15, \$2.6 million has been allocated through modernization and BQRP/IMR programs to upgrade the facility and address needs identified in the facility audits.

Current Enrolment is 576 students including 36 Full time Kindergarten Students. First Nations students are more than 60% of the student population and serve 3 distinct First Nations and one Metis Settlement surrounding Lesser Slave Lake.

Given the possible potential to develop a partnership between Northern Lakes College, The Town of High Prairie, The Municipal District of Big Lakes, and other community partners we believe it is timely to conduct a value scoping of St Andrew's School. A partnered project would yield CTS shared spaces. Safety issues

requiring remediation and the issues of Gymnasium would be solved by the potential partnership to develop shared site High School and College in High Prairie along with a Joint Use Agreement.

St. Andrew's school is a complex school with many additions over the years. A Value Scoping would suggest solutions for the reconfigured space meeting the new school space standards. This considering the mechanical and electrical systems are upgraded while allowing for CTS and trades programming that is suitable for High School students in the area. Dual Credit, engagement of First Nations Communities and Economic Development will all flow from such a partnership.

Value Scoping may reveal that rightsizing of St Andrews to a K-9 School and a new partnership for the Senior High School with the possible forthcoming Northern Lakes College build would be the most cost effective way to move forward.

Advanced Education and Education Partnership on this project would yield a shared gymnasium, shared CTS spaces, the ability to offer CTF programming in the College facility due to the proximity of the proposed site for Northern Lakes College Development to the present school. Further the elimination of portables, 414 meters squared, and upgrades to the mechanical systems already assessed but not completed in the last modernization of St. Andrews would be essential. Value Scoping would refocus Modernization plans to reflect the needs of a K-9 School and remove major cost factors from the equation.

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