



March 2017

Information package for the Corner Brook Regional High School System as it relates to the new elementary school to be located in the re-developed G.C. Rowe Building.



Background

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) is pleased to report that the renovations and redevelopment of the GC Rowe Building into an elementary school is progressing and scheduled to open for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Corner Brook Regional High School system is currently configured as follows:

The Corner Brook Regional High (CBRH) school system consists of CBRH (Grades 10-12), Corner Brook Intermediate (CBI, Grades 7-9), and five elementary schools: Humber Elementary (HE, Grades K-6), St. Gerard's Elementary (SGE, Grades K-6), C. C. Loughlin Elementary (CCL, Grades K-6), J. J. Curling Elementary (JJC, Grades K-6), and Sacred Heart Elementary (SHE, Grades K-6).

Corner Brook Intermediate opened in September, 2015, in a newly renovated building (the former Regina High School) and both G.C. Rowe Junior High and Presentation Junior High schools were closed.

Future

The former G.C. Rowe building is now being renovated as a modern K - 6 school. Humber Elementary and St. Gerard's Elementary will close and new the school community will be located in the G.C. Rowe K-6 school complex. This is graphically represented below.

 **Corner Brook Regional High System (Current)**



 **Corner Brook Regional High System (Fall 2017)**



School Board Motions

The predecessor to the Newfoundland Labrador English School District, Western School District, passed the following motions on June 8, 2009:

Motion 3. That Humber Elementary, Corner Brook, close effective upon the successful preparation of the G.C. Rowe facility as an elementary school.

Motion 4. That St. Gerard Elementary, Corner Brook, close effective upon the successful preparation of the G.C. Rowe facility as an elementary school.

Motion 7: The Board requests funding from government for the development of the G.C. Rowe complex as a modern K-6 facility.

Enrolments

Humber Elementary

Currently a K-6 school of 364 students

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Rooms
2016	47	47	49	55	47	55	64	364	17

St. Gerard's Elementary

Currently a K-6 school of 107 students

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Rooms
2016	13	22	14	19	10	17	12	107	7

Description of Re-Developed G. C. Rowe Building

2015-16

Washrooms were renovated to modernize and make appropriate for younger students; washrooms were added to classrooms for Full Day Kindergarten (FDK). Parking lot upgrades completed.

2016-17

1. Redevelopment of the classrooms on the north side of levels one and two, including:
 - a. new flooring;
 - b. new suspended ceilings;
 - c. new lighting;
 - d. refinished drywall and fresh paint throughout;
2. New lighting in corridors.
3. Creation of a new challenging needs suite.
4. Completion of FDK classrooms with cabinets and sinks.
5. Replacement of damaged folding partitions with permanent demising walls between classrooms.
6. Installation of interior vestibule in main entrance to create an enclosed secure entrance. (Safe and Caring Schools policy).
7. New Whiteboards and Tackboards in Classrooms

2016-17

1. Redevelopment of the stage (specifically lowering it) and gymnasium (repainting);
2. Renovate gymnasium including:
 - a. Creation of new gym storage rooms;
 - b. Creation of small change rooms with single use washrooms;
 - c. New lighting;
 - d. Refinish gym floor.
 - e. Re-development of the gym dividing wall
3. Stairwell improvements in three storey section to improve safety.

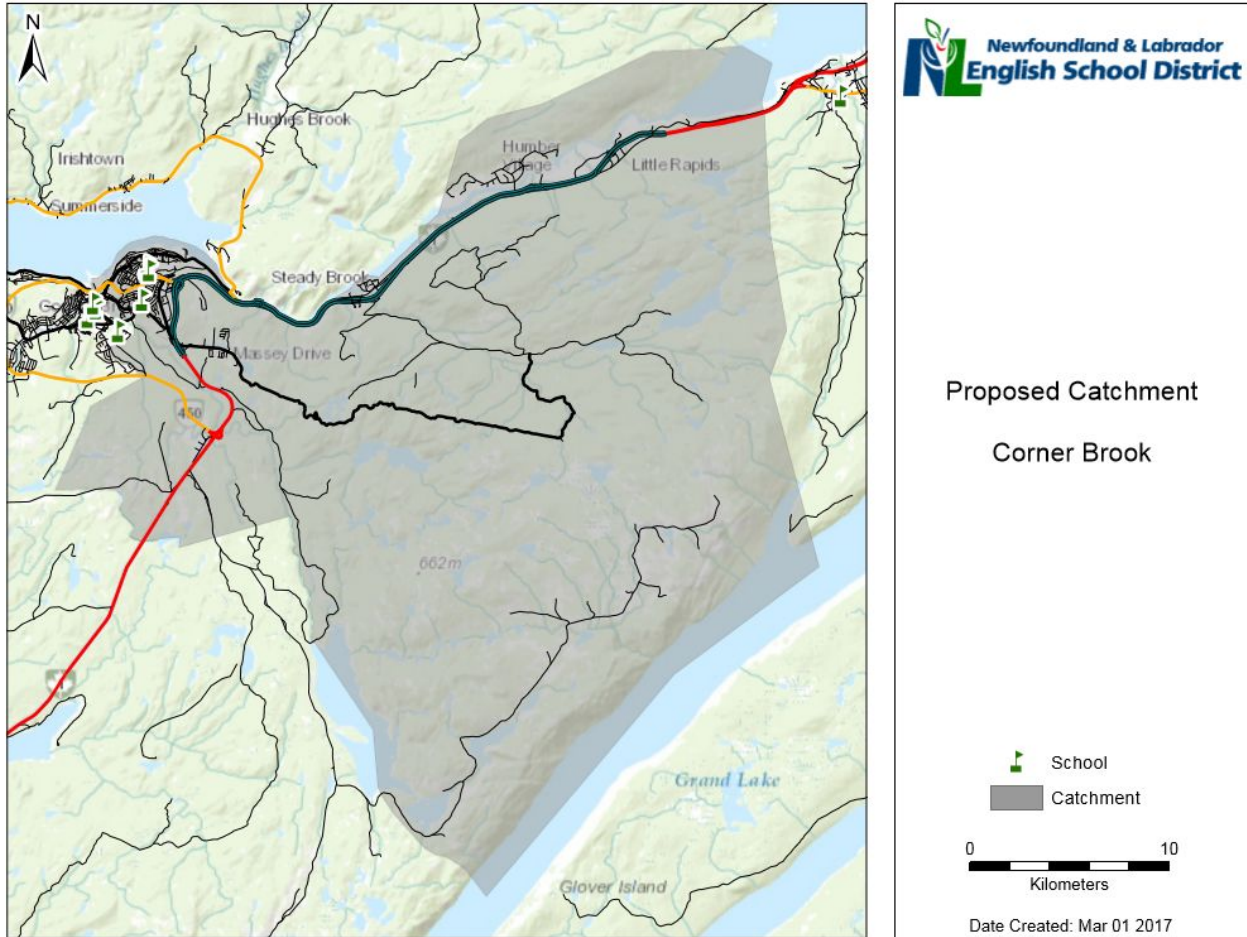
Other work:

- The lower floor (the former home economics suite) will be a second lunchroom. The existing kitchen off the main level will service this room and, the original cafeteria, which backs onto the stage.
- Complete data wiring and wifi installation to ensure coverage throughout the school.
- Building envelope (windows, facade, etc.) remains a District priority project and a request to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

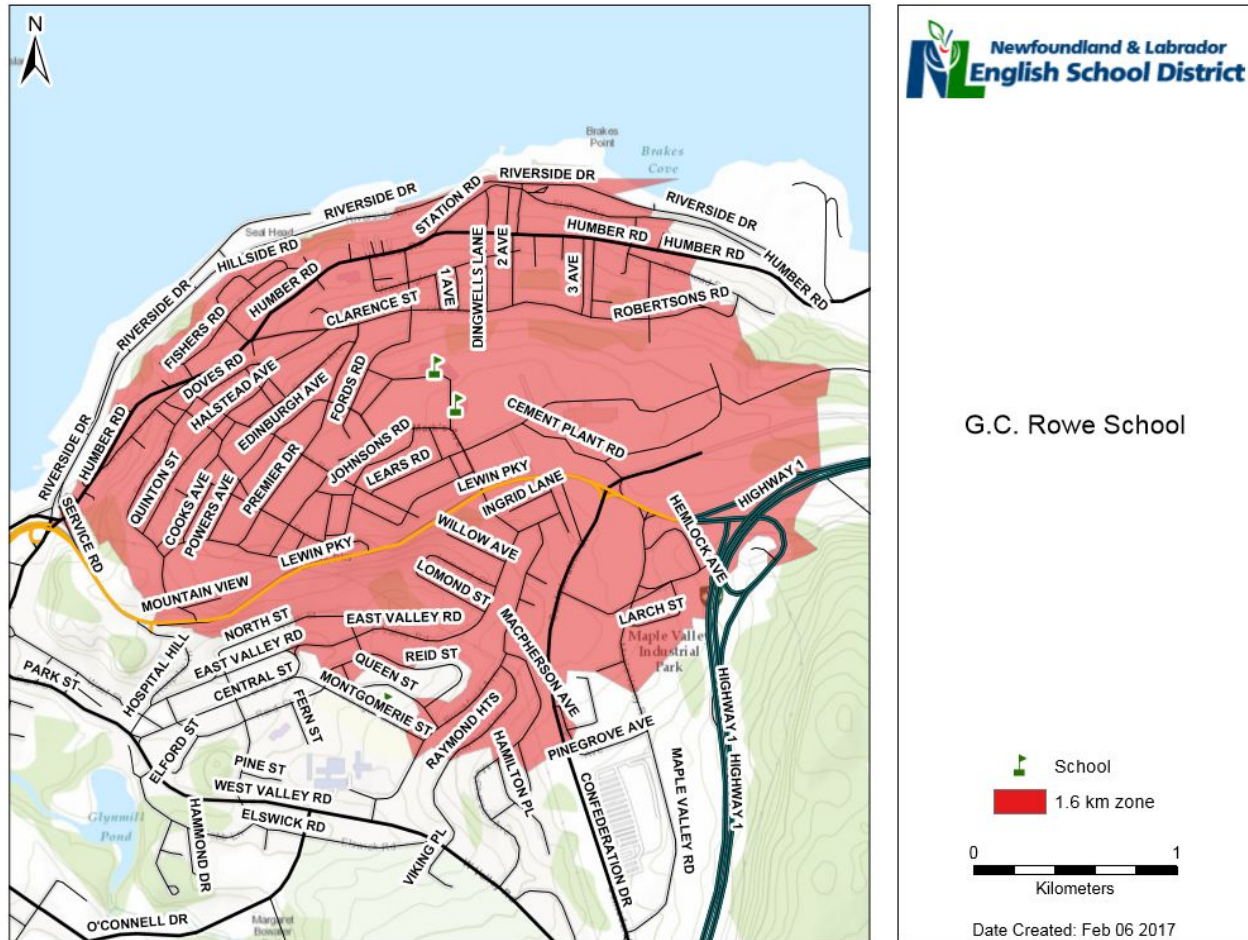
Student Transportation for G.C. Rowe Complex

Students living inside Humber Elementary and St. Gerard's Elementary's catchment, will now be zoned to attend G.C. Rowe.

New G.C. Rowe Building Catchment



New G.C. Rowe Building 1.6 Km Zone



Students zoned to attend G.C. Rowe building but living more than 1.6 kms from G.C. Rowe (outside of the depicted red area) are eligible for student transportation.

Bus routes are similar to the routes currently servicing Humber Elementary, with the addition of one route to accommodate students living more than 1.6 kms in the townsite area.

Students are assigned a bus based on their civic address.

Transition Process

Transition Team formed consisting of both school administrative teams and school district staff representing all divisions.

Joint School Council/Parent Advisory Committee formed to represent both school communities.

- This committee has begun to collaborate with school administrators to bring the two school communities together.
- The committee will engage in the process of choosing a name, school colours and logo/mascot for the new school. Consultation with the school community will take place as

per District policy.

Conclusion

The District would like to thank the school councils, school administrators and staff, District staff and Trustee Bruce Cluney for invaluable input during this process. Ongoing feedback from the school communities is extremely important as the District moves forward with the process of bringing together two school populations into the newly renovated G. C. Rowe building.