



Community Update Meeting St. John the Evangelist C.S. Tuesday, December 6, 2011



- **DEMOGRAPHICS**
- **METROLINX PROJECT**
- **TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY**
- **FUTURE ADDITION OR NEW SCHOOL**

Demographics



- Significantly exceeds OTG capacity of 260 pp
- Current utilization rate is approx. 175%
- 9 portables on site
- Enrolment is projected to continue to increase
- Site constraints:
 - Site size is 1.83 acres
 - Adjacent to rail corridor (Pearson Airport link)
 - Lack of green space and insufficient playground space
- EDC by-law: eligible to acquire an additional 1.26 acres to accommodate future growth

Board Policy



- **Board policy states that elementary school sites should ideally be:**
 - A minimum of 5 acres in size for a stand-alone school facility,
OR
 - A minimum of 3 acres in size where the site is adjacent to a public park, and there is a municipal agreement to use the park as a playing campus

Board Objectives



- **Over the past several years, staff have looked at two scenarios for St. John the Evangelist:**
 - relocate the school to a new, more appropriate location away from the rail line; OR
 - redevelop the existing site to accommodate the growing school population
- **Board staff have thoroughly evaluated all potential off-site options presented to date:**

Options



- Staff thoroughly addressed the following site options, and presented these options* to the public on June 24, 2010:
 - W.C. Swanek Park
 - The former beer store lot
 - Pelmo Park PS
 - Grounds of H.J. Alexander PS
 - The Visioneering Lands
 - 10 Wilby Crescent (evaluated August 19, 2010)
 - Remain on current site *

Business Case to Ministry of Education



- On August 5, 2011, the TCDSB submitted a business case to the Ministry for a 600 pp replacement facility for St. John the Evangelist.
- On August 31, 2011, the Ministry committed to provide future funding for a 290 pp addition.
- In the funding announcement, the Ministry indicated that it would be prepared to consider a further business case supporting a new school. *

Funding Announcement

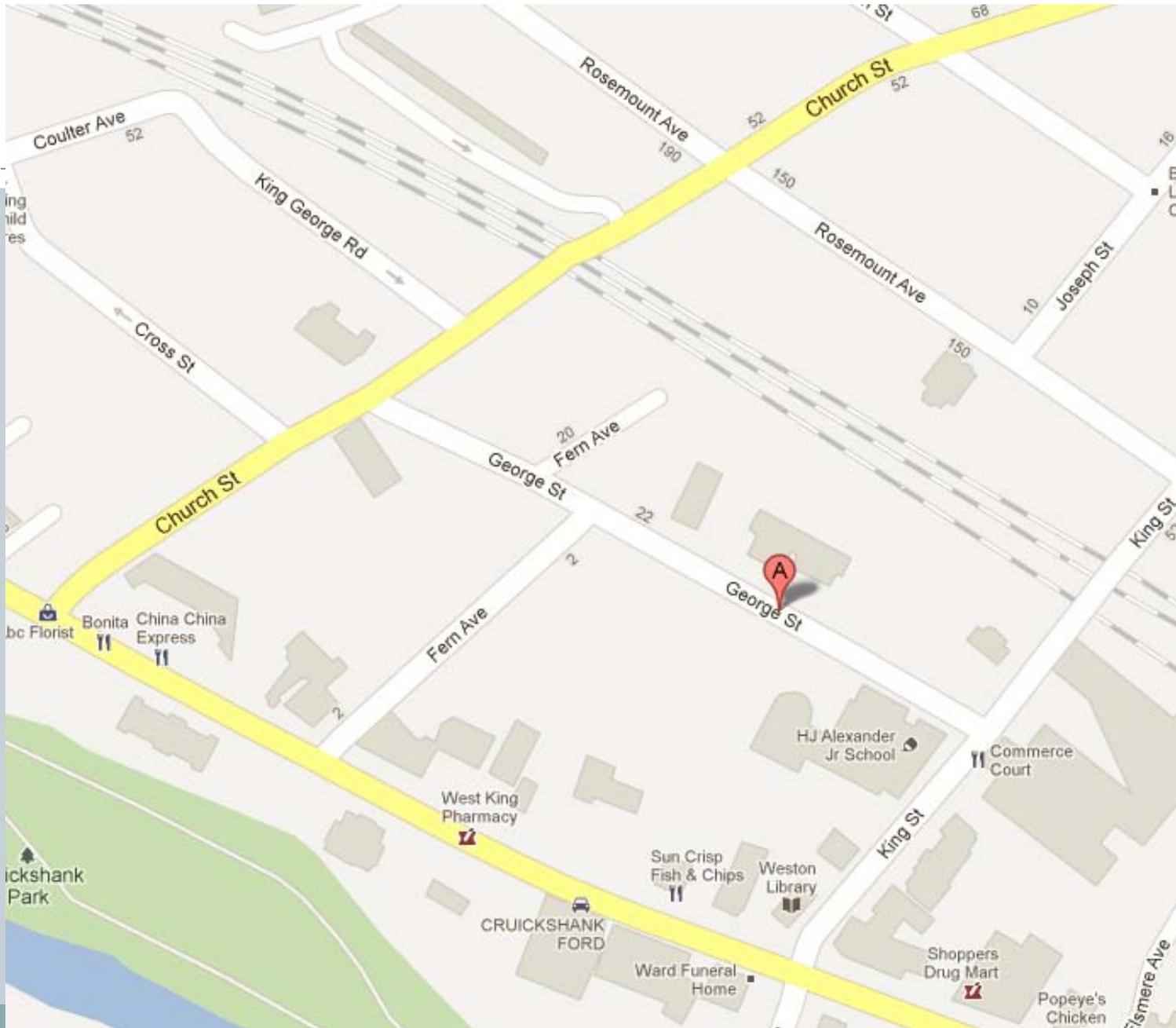


- While funding approval has not yet been provided by the Ministry, the Board has appointed an Architect to complete a Phase 1 feasibility/cost-benefit analysis to support the Board's further submission to the Ministry for funding a replacement school.
- Staff are involved in on-going discussions with the Ministry to “firm-up” their funding commitment.
- While there are no guarantees of funding at this point, staff are hopeful that approval for a 290 pp addition is forthcoming.

Metrolinx



- Beginning in the July of 2012, Metrolinx will begin construction on a tunnel that will bury their rail line, between Church and King Street
- Once complete, the “Weston Tunnel” will significantly mitigate against noise and vibration associated with rail traffic.
- It is widely believed that while train service will increase over the next decade, noise and vibration will be less noticeable than today.



Metrolinx



- A positive spin-off from the construction of the Weston Tunnel, will be an accessible and safe concrete “deck” structure.
- The deck will be contiguous with the school’s hard surface play area, and at the same grade.
- Metrolinx has agreed to provide a long-term lease agreement with the TCDSB for exclusive access to the decking, which can be effectively used as a hard surface play area, however the Board has yet to finalize this arrangement.

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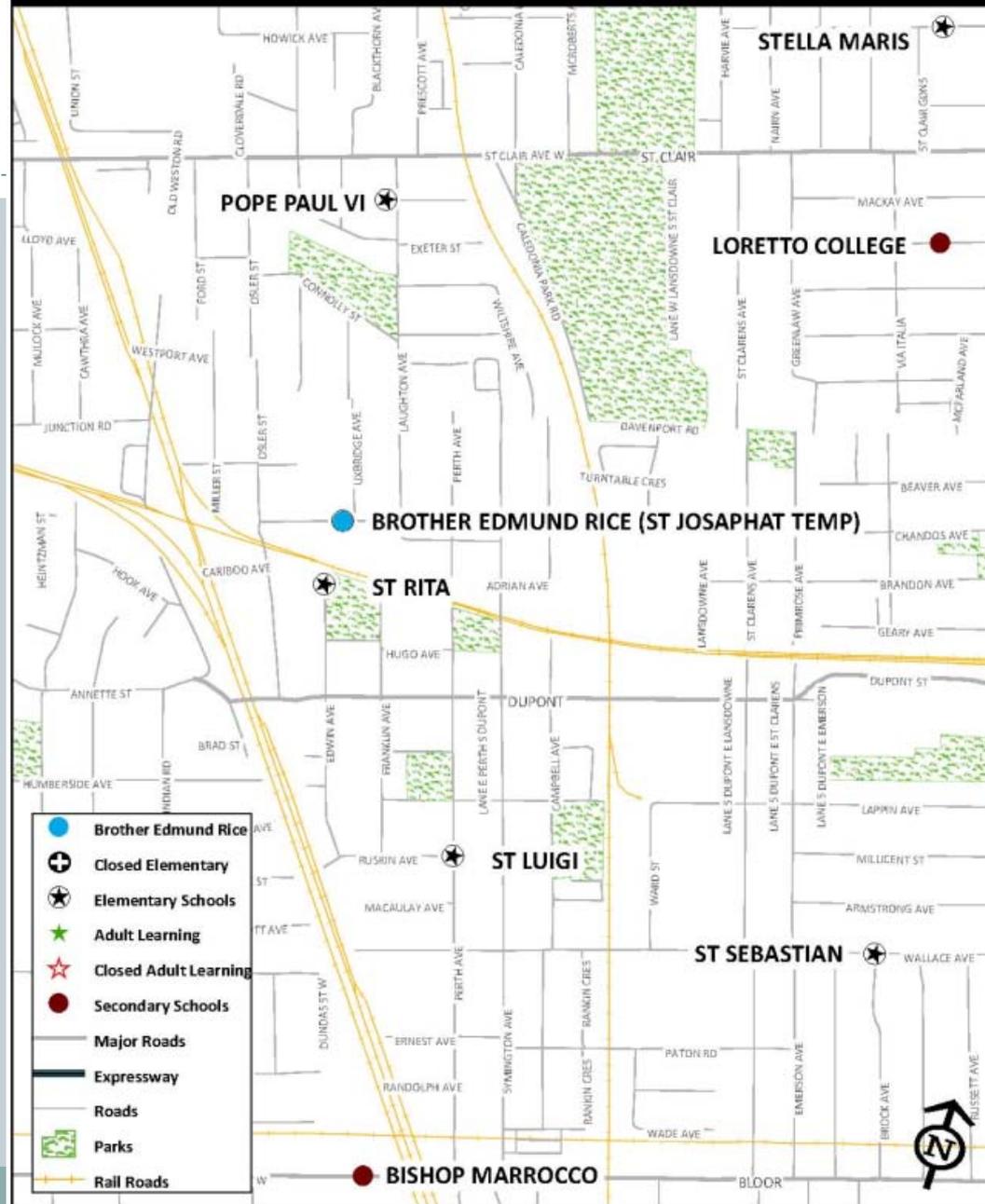
- With construction comes inconvenience...
- In a letter dated June 19, 2011 Metrolinx indicated that it would be best to relocate students currently using portable classrooms to an off-site location in order to minimize the noise impacts associated with the tunnel construction.
- Due to safety concerns, the school CSAC has clearly indicated that it would only support a relocation of the entire school population. This is fully supported by the local MPP, councillor and our Trustee.

Temporary Location



- Planning staff have conducted an exhaustive analysis of available space in the area around St. John the Evangelist that can accommodate up to 500 students.
- It has been determined that the former Brother Edmund Rice school facility would be best suited to temporarily accommodate all, or part, of the school population.
- Located ~ 8 KM or 20 minutes from St. John the Evangelist. Depending on the number of stops, travel time on a school bus can be up to 40-45 minutes.

Location Map - Brother Edmund Rice





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Cost to Relocate



- It is estimated that it will cost in excess of 2M dollars to temporarily relocate the entire St. John population to Brother Edmund Rice.
- The Board should not be paying these costs, and is requesting that Metrolinx fund the temporary relocation of St. John the Evangelist.
- Discussions have begun and are on-going.

Future of St. John the Evangelist



- The Board has appointed an Architect to begin the design and feasibility study process.
- Depending on the results of the feasibility study, staff will finalize another business case to the Ministry of Education requesting the balance of funds necessary to construct a new facility!
- Again, there are no guarantees of funding, but we must seize every opportunity.

Timing of Construction



- It is crucial that the Board move forward with the design process in order that the construction of an expanded or new school coincide with the construction of the Weston Tunnel – while kids are already off-site.
- We do not want a situation where students have to be relocated twice!
- Estimated completion of a 290 pupil place addition is December 2014.

Timing of Construction



- In the event that the Board receives funding for a 600 pupil place replacement facility, an additional 4 to 9 months would be required to complete the project.
- Therefore, a new school would be ready for occupancy by ~ September 2015.

Questions and Answers



- **We ask that you limit your questions/concerns to 5 minutes in order that everybody who wishes to speak has an opportunity.**