

Calling Lake Outreach Viability Report

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Purpose Statement

This report is intended to collect information regarding the viability of Calling Lake Outreach. Viability reports are part of an annual process as outlined in Policy 15. This report is formatted to match the requirements of

Alberta Education School Act Sections 45, 58, 60, 113, 200, 201, 271

Alberta Education Regulation 257/2003

Northland School Division Policy 15 - School Closure

Background Information

Calling Lake Outreach School is located in Calling Lake, Alberta. The school was approved as an Outreach School in 2014.

The school vision statement is

The Kito Sakihikan Outreach program will be designed and implemented in a manner that supports a positive holistic environment whereby students are welcomed and accepted for who they are and given opportunities for growth and positive change.

Program Philosophy

The Kito Sakihikan Outreach program will focus on the whole individual including academic, social and emotional development. Students will be treated as an individual within a greater community. Community and culture will be key aspects of the learning environment.

Data

Teachers	.25
Support Staff	0
Students	1
ECS	0
1 - 12	1

Calling Lake Outreach School is a small quonset building located near the Calling Lake School. The building was fashioned into a classroom with computers and network access. The outreach program is an extension of Calling Lake School, and the program can be absorbed inside Calling Lake School. The highest enrollment was 10 students. The program has served some students to get high school credits. The closure of this school is recommended by the Principal and Area Associate Superintendent.

Rationale

As per Northland School Division #61 policy 15 and the report is prepared to meet article 3 of proposed policy and articles 2.1, 2.2 in current policy, which reads -

- 3.1 Unnecessary costs are incurred by the Board in maintaining the school and educational program.
- 3.2 The ability to provide an adequate educational program to the students in attendance.

Analysis

- 4.1 The consideration factors precipitating the proposed school closure;

The consideration factors triggering this report are items outlined above in the rationale section. The viability study was done to determine whether or not the costs to operate the program are effective and sustainable, and whether or not the school division can provide an adequate educational program at the school.

4.2 How the closure would affect the attendance area defined for that school;

The attendance area defined for this school is the Calling Lake attendance areas as per the map attached as Appendix 1. There will be no impact on Calling Lake School attendance area if the outreach program is closed.

4.3 How the closure would affect the attendance at other schools;

Closure of Calling Lake Outreach will have no impact on other Northland School Division schools. The school is isolated to Calling Lake. Students will attend Calling Lake School.

4.4 Information on the Board's long-range capital plan;

- Calling Lake Outreach was opened in 2014
- The building is adequate to support an outreach program
- There are no plans to improve the building or grounds.
- The building will either be disposed of as per division asset procedures or put into alternate use by the school.

4.5 The number of students who would need to be relocated as a result of the closure;

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4.6 The need for, and extent of, busing;

No extra busing arrangements are required.

4.7 Program implications for other schools and for the students when they are attending other schools;

The Principal has reported that the school will develop a program to meet student needs.

4.8 The educational and financial impact of closing the school, including the effect on operational costs and capital implications;

There will be no serious impact on student programming as a result of closing the outreach school. The financial analysis is prepared in item 4.9

If the school was closed the Board would need to consider alternatives for the use of the building. See item 4.11

4.9 The educational and financial impact if the school were to remain open;

The program can be accommodated within the Calling Lake School facility.

By closing this program the Board will be removing a school code associated with the Outreach Program. Most expenses for the program are currently absorbed by the school. Outreach Programs currently receive \$62,972.76 specialized funding as per Alberta Education guidelines to operate an Outreach School.

2018 - 2019 Funding Manual Guideline Outreach Programs

When an outreach program ceases to operate, the board must immediately notify the respective Field Services Branch Director.

Financial Analysis

Calling Lake Outreach			
January 2019			
		2017 - 2018	2018 -2019
Revenue			
NSD Allocation		\$20,790.00	\$16,284.00
Expenditures			
(All utilities and operational costs are absorbed in Calling Lake School Budget)		\$0	\$0
.25 Teacher		\$26,778.00	\$26,778.00
Net		-\$5,988.00	-\$10,494.00

4.10 The capital needs of the schools that may have increased enrolment as a result of the closure;

There are no anticipated capital needs of other Calling Lake School as a result of closing the Calling Lake Outreach program.

4.11 Possible uses of the school building or space if the entire school is being closed, or three (3) or more consecutive grades in the school are being closed entirely.

No anticipated possible uses of the school are under consideration at this time.
 Alternatives for the use of the facility could be:

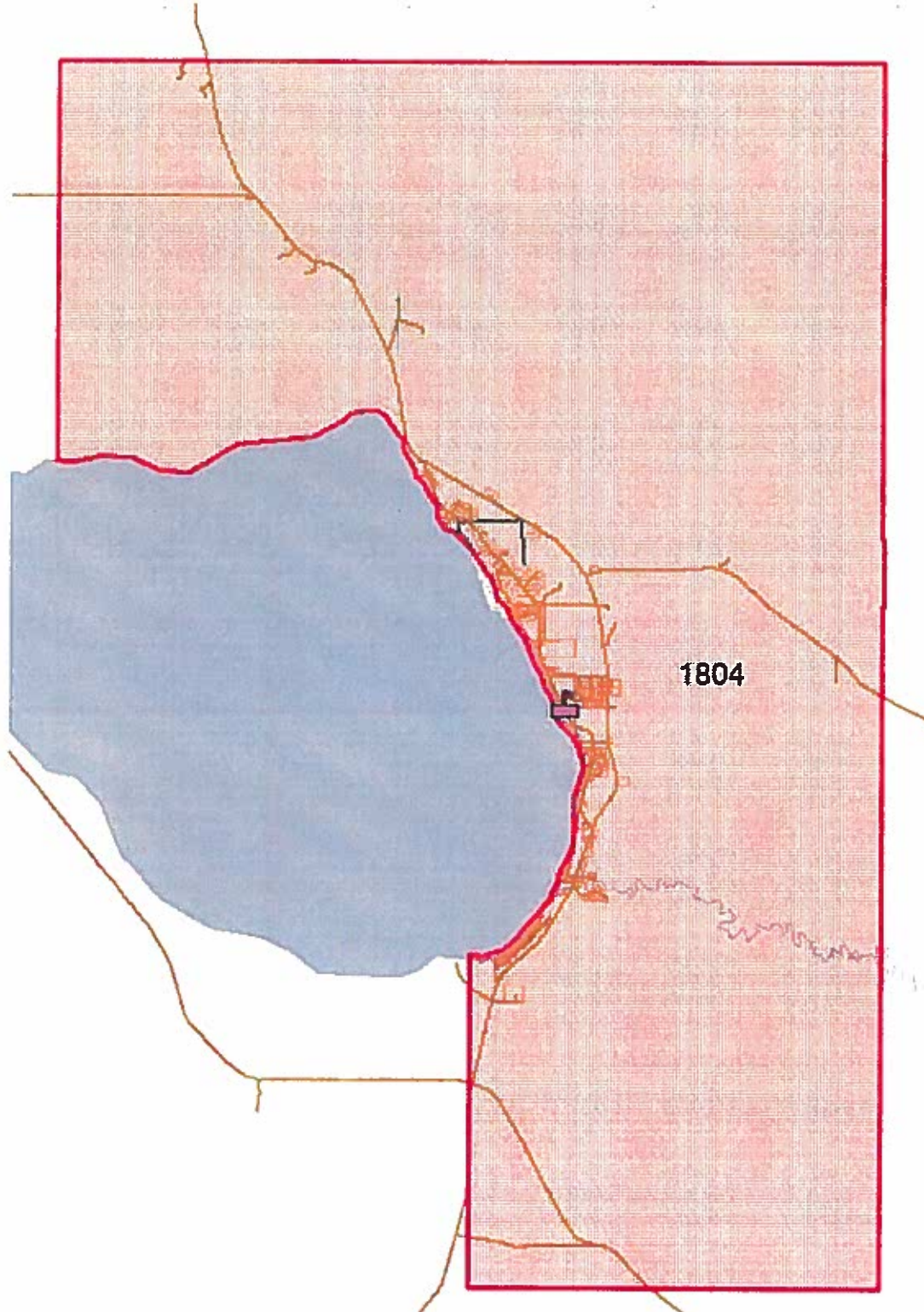
4.11.1 Dispose of the building

4.11.2 Repurpose the building for use by Calling Lake School.

School Closure Schedule

January 18, 2019	Notice of Motion - Proposed School Closure Calling Lake Outreach School School closure decision May 24, 2019
February 15, 2019	Written notification to parents of Calling Lake Outreach School
February 18, 2019	Public notification process
March 19, 2019	Public meeting - proposed school closure
March 26, 2019	Minutes from public meeting posted
April 23, 2019	Deadline for written submissions
May 24, 2019	Regular Board Meeting School closure decision

Appendix 1 Calling Lake School Attendance Area Map



Appendix 1 October, 2018 Education Results

Measure Category	Measure	Calling Lake Outreach School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Safe and Caring Schools	Safe and Caring	n/a	n/a	80.0	89.0	89.5	89.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Opportunities	Program of Studies	n/a	n/a	60.0	81.8	81.9	81.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Education Quality	n/a	n/a	85.7	90.0	90.1	89.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Drop Out Rate	30.6	51.2	51.2	2.3	3.0	3.3	Very Low	Maintained	Concern
	High School Completion Rate (3 yr)	*	n/a	n/a	78.0	78.0	77.0	*	*	*
Student Learning Achievement (Grades K-9)	PAT: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	73.6	73.4	73.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.9	19.5	19.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12)	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.7	83.0	83.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	24.2	22.2	21.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma Exam Participation Rate (4+ Exams)	*	n/a	n/a	55.7	54.9	54.7	*	*	*
	Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate	*	n/a	n/a	63.4	62.3	61.5	*	*	*
Preparation for Lifelong Learning, World of Work, Citizenship	Transition Rate (6 yr)	n/a	n/a	n/a	58.7	57.9	59.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Work Preparation	n/a	n/a	n/a	82.4	82.7	82.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Citizenship	n/a	n/a	85.7	83.0	83.7	83.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Parental Involvement	Parental Involvement	n/a	n/a	n/a	81.2	81.2	81.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Continuous Improvement	School Improvement	n/a	n/a	64.3	80.3	81.4	80.7	n/a	n/a	n/a