

DATE: July 14, 2024

PARKLAND COUNTY PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PLAN

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT #:

APPLICANT: Independent Baptist Christian Education Society O/A Harvest Baptist Academy

LOCATION: 26404 Highway 16 West, Partland County, AB

LEGAL LAND DISCRIPTION:

PROPERTY OWNER: New Testament Baptist Church of Edmonton

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1. Project Description and Scope:

The Independent Baptist Christian Education Society (The Applicant) is requesting to expand the existing Accredited Christian school (Harvest Baptist Academy) grades K-12 student enrollment involving the set and renovation of two used portable ATCO Structures (4 Unit Classrooms & Offices) and (6 Unit Industrial Camp) to be used for Educational Use including, classrooms, offices, storage, science lab, commercial kitchen, washrooms and first aid station.

2. Background Information:

The applicant, Independent Baptist Chistian Education Society is a non-profit Alberta Education Accredited Independent School Authority established in 1997. The society operates Harvest Baptist Academy serving the local community and distance learning and home school families in the Province of Alberta. Currently the local grade K-12 regular day school student enrollment is 100 students. Grade 12 students graduating from our accredited regular academy program receive both an Alberta Provincial Diploma and Transcript, plus a Harvest Baptist Academy High School Diploma.

We employ a professional team of AB certified Christian teachers, educational assistants, part-time administration staff, school bus drivers. We also depend on the volunteer efforts of many parents, grandparents and friends of our church and school community.

The society uses the rented facilities of the church weekdays, Monday to Friday during the regular school year. The church is a major supporter of the school offering the subsidized use of the facilities basically at the cost of utilities, maintenance and janitorial service. The property owner, New Testament Baptist Church of Edmonton was established in 1993. The church and school society have enjoyed a close working relationship and joint use of the church property for approximately 20 years. We also value the importance of being good neighbors with the residents of our community.

3. Financial Disclosure:

Both the church and school society are separate but closely associated non-profit CRA registered charities. Both organizations rely on tax deductible charitable donations, and volunteer help to fulfil their charitable goals and objectives. The Harvest Baptist Academy K-12 Program operates on a Tuition Free basis depending on charitable donations and school bus fees. The school society also receives AB Education Student Instruction and School Bus Transportation funding on a per student enrollment basis. The AB Education funding is restricted to student instruction including teacher salaries, educational resources, student support, administration, bus transportation etc.

Non-Public Independent school authorities do not receive or expect public capital funding from Alberta Education. The church and school property / assets are owned by their respective charitable organizations and paid for by charitable donations. For example, the two used ATCO structures involved in this Development Application were donated by a generous donor at a value far below normal market value.

The church and school society operate on a modest annual budget and are basically debt free with the exception of the \$322,000. Commercial Off-Site Levies recently charged to the church by Parkland County. We are prepared to provide additional financial disclosure if necessary.

4. Minor Impact On The Local Community:

This Development Permit Application will have a Minor Impact on the local community. We are simply expanding the existing school operations to accommodate approximately 45 more K-12 students. Subject to the approval of the necessary permits, the addition of two more portable ATCO structures, including renovations and connecting to the existing utilities can be completed within 30 to 60 days.

No major upgrades to the county municipal water and sewer and local utilities will be necessary. We anticipate Parkland County will require an upgraded storm water drainage wet pond and land scaping plan with additional shrubs / trees planted on the south property line boundary.

5. Engineered Drawings, Photographs and Site Map:

Attached are copies of the development permit application, engineered site drawings, ATCO portable structures, photographs and site map for public information.

6. Public Notice & Open House Meeting – Sunday 2:00 PM August 11, 2024

Attached is a draft copy of a Public Notice and Open House planned for mid-August. We plan to publish a Notice in the local newspaper; request the notice be uploaded to the County Website; hand deliver and mail the notice inviting the residents; and invite County Officials. We will also set up a remote Zoom / Google Digital link for remote online access to the open house meeting.

We also have requested our Engineers to attend the open house to assist with the presentation of the project and answer any questions. Copies of the related engineered drawings and building photographs will be on display.

7. Public Input and Record:

We plan to document the public engagement process and keep a sign in record of attendees and keep minutes at the Open House Meeting. In addition to this the public will have the opportunity to provide verbal, written and email comments and input. We will follow the timeline and documentation process as required by Parkland County.

Attachments:

- a. Copy of Development Permit Application
- b. Copy of Engineered Site Drawings
- c. Copy of ATCO Building Drawings
- d. Photographs of Site and Buildings
- e. Copy of Public Notice / Open House Meeting
- f. Copy of Open House Sign in Log

