

DEC Flagpole Initiative

This initiative was designed to install three flagpoles at each ASD-West school in order to fly the national, provincial and first nations community flags, regardless of the existing provincial protocol on flying of flags.

The initiative was designed to support our national identity as well as recognize our First Nations, particularly as 2025 is the 10th anniversary of the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Report.

Initial costing to implement this plan seemed reasonable and a motion was passed at the DEC Public Meeting, held on 23 January 2025 directing the Superintendent to proceed with the project.

Subsequently, the Council was advised of revised costs for the project which were significantly more than the original estimate. Consequently, a decision was made at the end of school year 2024-25 to pause the original plan and instead install mobile flagpoles in a few schools.

The Council still is of the opinion that the original intent of this project is valid, however we are also cognizant of the requirement to balance this with our fiscal situation.

Therefore, the Council will proceed, in a phased approach, to procure and install mobile flagpoles in our existing schools, in support of our original plan, and as finances become available. We will insist that any new school infrastructure for the district include three outside poles as part of the building plan.

NEW MOTION:

I move to rescind the DEC motion regarding flagpoles, passed at the 23 January 2025 Public Meeting and to replace it with the following:

The Superintendent will procure mobile flagpoles for the existing ASD-West schools, in a phased approach over the next five years, as finances become available. Any new school infrastructure will include three outside flagpoles as part of the building plans.