

FULHAM SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA – Option Considerations

Scenario A: Fulham Moves to Lobstick Ward

OPTION 1

Move Fulham to Lobstick Ward and leave attendance boundary open that families could choose to go to Fulham or Niton for K-6

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Makes wards more equitable for number of schools
- Increases Niton's junior high program as Fulham 7-9 students would go to Niton
- Keeps rural students together for longer so they are a larger cohort when they move to high school.
- Fulham is in a small, rural community which aligns with other communities in the east end of the division
- Families who have chosen to enroll in another electoral ward will not have transportation out of attendance area

OPTION 2

Move Fulham to Lobstick Ward, but protect each of the small schools by enforcing attendance boundaries for Fulham and Niton

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Increases enrolment
- Families who have chosen to enroll in another electoral ward will not have transportation out of attendance area
- May see some slight decline in enrolment in Edson schools

Scenario B: Fulham Stays in Edson Ward

OPTION 1

Leave Fulham in Edson and leave the attendance boundary open (no change)

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Allows families to continue to choose where to enroll their children in either Fulham or in Edson and receive transportation to their school of choice in their ward
- Without the protection of the attendance boundary, Fulham's enrolment has steadily declined to levels that may not be sustainable in the future

OPTION 2

Leave Fulham in Edson but protect small school by enforcing attendance boundary to ensure small rural school remains viable

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Increases enrolment
- Families who have chosen to enroll elsewhere will not have transportation out of attendance area
- May cause some slight decline in enrolment in Edson schools to increase enrolment back at Fulham

LOBSTICK SCHOOLS ATTENDANCE AREA – Option Considerations

Scenario 1:

Attendance Area for Niton K-9 remains where it is. Eliminate the overlap option choice for students. High school students within the Niton attendance area are bused west to Edson.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Smallest change with the least impact to current families**
- Keeps current Niton's K-9 attendance boundary which protects attendance area for Niton
- Eliminates the current overlap area where high school students in Grades 10-12 can choose to attend either Parkland or Grand Trunk high school which will then improve busing as will not have to have cross-over routes
- The overlap area will be designated west to Edson only

Scenario 2:

Attendance Area for Niton K-9 remains where it is. Shift the Grade 10-12 attendance area between Parkland in Edson and Grand Trunk in Evansburg west to approximately Range Road 120.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Moderate shift for high school students**
- Keeps current Niton's K-9 attendance boundary which protects attendance area for Niton
- Moving the high school divider line from Range Road 110 to Range Road 120 reflects a better balance between the two high schools.
- Moving the high school attendance boundary more to the west affects the **Transportation Service Area** and the bus route will travel east to Grand Trunk - which supports the ward's rural high school
- Bus service will be required in two directions and may require transfers for students in Grades 10-12 as the **Transportation Service Area for the** 10-12 student group will differ based on if the high school student lives to the east or west of Range Road 120

Scenario 3:

Attendance Area for Niton K-9 remains where it is. Designate all Grade 10-12 students in the Lobstick Ward to Grand Trunk for High School.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Significant change that designates the Transportation Service Area for all high school students residing within the Lobstick Electoral Ward to Grand Trunk**
- Keeps current Niton's K-9 attendance boundary which protects attendance area for Niton
- Niton students for Grades 10-12 will be designated to Grand Trunk
- Families who have chosen to enroll in another electoral ward will not have transportation out of attendance area
- Aligns with the Board's priority of supporting small rural schools by designating Lobstick students - from K -12 in the Lobstick ward
- All students in ward will go to high school together at a fully modernized school at Grand Trunk
- An increased student population in the high school will mean a larger operating budget, more staff, more options, and more extra-curricular opportunities

Lobstick Stats (May, 2024)

- Total student enrolment # = 500
- Breakdown:
 - Niton = 103
 - Wildwood = 85
 - Evansview = 120
 - Grand Trunk = 192
- Future potential enrolment at GT K-12 = 395
- Implications of **Fulham Scenario A** for Niton Central School
 - Possible enrolment increase of 31 students in Grades 7-9
 - 11 students in Grade 7
 - 12 students in Grade 8
 - 8 Students in Grade 9
- Implications for Pine Grove and Parkland High School
 - Loss of 23 students in Grades 7 and 8
 - Loss of 8 students in Grade 9

Niton Historical Enrolment

	K	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7	Gr 8	Gr 9	TOTAL
2008	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	153
2009	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	147
2010	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	151
2011	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	150
2012	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	137
2013	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	154
2014	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	158
2015	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	148
2016	19	10	16	16	15	20	21	10	12	26	165
2017	15	15	9	16	13	18	19	21	10	12	148
2018	17	11	18	9	17	16	17	19	18	9	151
2019	13	13	12	17	10	17	14	19	18	18	151
2020	17	8	15	9	15	7	12	11	14	11	119
2021	12	16	8	15	9	18	7	13	11	12	121
2022	9	12	14	10	13	10	14	6	14	7	109
2023	11	9	10	14	8	14	8	15	7	6	102

Notes:

Since 2008, enrolment has dropped 33% (153 to 102)

Since 2016, Grade 9 population has dropped 77% (26 to 7)

Since 2016, Junior High Program has dropped 42% (48 to 28)

In 2019, had 18 Grade 8's but only 11 Grade 9's in 2020 - drop of 39%

In 2020, had 14 Grade 8's but only 12 Grade 9's in 2021 - drop of 14%

In 2021, had 11 Grade 8's but only 7 Grade 9's in 2022 - drop of 26%

In 2022, had 14 Grade 8's but only 6 Grade 9's in 2023 - drop of 57%

***Note: Graph as of September 30th enrolment; Niton at 103 as of May 2024**

Fulham Stats (May, 2024)

- Total student enrolment = 44
- Total Edson Ward enrolment # = 1,672

Data indicates there are approximately 100 elementary aged students residing in the Fulham attendance area in the 2023/24 school year.

2023/24 data, indicated approximately 46 per cent of attendance area families supported Fulham School.

Pre-registration data 2024/25:

- 24/46 (52%) for Fulham
- 14/46 (30%) to MBE
- 3/46 (6%) to NCS
- 5/46 (11%) to YKCS

Since 2008, Fulham enrolment has decreased by 50%. 2022 data indicated 63 per cent of attendance area families supported Fulham School.

Fulham Historical Enrolment

	K	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	TOTAL	% Annual Change
2008	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	85	
2009	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	79	-7%
2010	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	82	3.5%
2011	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	83	1%
2012	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	91	9%
2013	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	89	-2%
2014	7	14	21	13	7	17	11	90	1%
2015	9	6	13	18	12	7	16	81	-10%
2016	7	8	4	10	15	9	7	60	-26%
2017	11	8	10	6	10	15	12	72	17%
2018	7	12	6	10	7	11	15	68	-6%
2019	8	9	12	7	9	7	10	62	-9%
2020	6	7	7	7	6	8	6	47	-24%
2021	7	6	7	9	8	8	7	52	10%
2022	9	9	6	7	9	8	5	53	2%
2023	4	7	6	5	7	6	7	42	-20%

**Note: Graph as of September 30th enrolment; Fulham at 44 as of May 2024*