

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA TO SKY)

REGULATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE SERIES 1000 – SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

R1003 RELATIONS BETWEEN SCHOOL AND THE PUBLIC R1003.2 Incompatible Land Uses Near Schools

The Board of Education (the "Board") assumes some responsibility for the safety and security of students, staff and school facilities and grounds. Changes to the general neighbourhood context that may cause disruptions to the school community are subject to review by the Board.

The identification of incompatible land uses near schools is a difficult exercise. There are many changes in land use or other local initiatives, which could affect the overall safety and security of the nearby school(s). While the Board may choose not to comment or take a position on most development activities, the Board reserves the right to intervene with other government authorities when appropriate.

The Board will request the Municipality or Regional District and other senior levels of government to provide adequate notification (at least 30 days) to comment on any proposed change in a neighbourhood that may disrupt the local school community, e.g. that would cause significant increases in traffic, create truancy, attract nuisance problems, or generate other safety or health hazards. This would apply to all potentially disruptive uses or changes within 1000 feet of an existing school.

Notification to the Board should also be standard practice for any significant development activities that are in a school community but occurring more than 1000 feet from an existing school. Some development initiatives may have far-reaching effects on the safety and security of nearby school facilities.

The notifications would also be directed to the following at each school that may be affected by a proposed change:

- School administrator,
- Chairperson of Parent Advisory Council,
- Liaison trustee.

Upon receipt of such notification, each group has the responsibility to assess the possible effects of the proposal on the local school community. If it is determined that the use may be incompatible, e.g. cause significant increases in traffic, create truancy, attractive nuisance problems, or generate other safety or health hazards, an individual group may provide comments to the School District Secretary-Treasurer. The appropriate staff from the Board will also review the potential effects of the proposed change.

The Secretary-Treasurer will review comments and provide a recommendation to the Board.

R1003.2 Incompatible Land Uses Near Schools

The Municipality or Regional District and other levels of government will be requested to ensure that relevant by-laws and regulations are enforced consistently. Certain uses near schools can be tolerated if by-laws are enforced, whereas they may create incompatible conditions without enforcement.

Schools should be advised of any changes to existing by-laws or regulations that may affect the operation of certain commercial activities or other land uses; for example, the lowering of the age limit for admission to billiard parlours or arcades may generate problems for nearby schools. The schools have the responsibility to notify parents of these changes or their concerns with respect to certain neighbourhood land uses.

Senior management will monitor the regulations and maintain contact with the appropriate Municipality or Regional District staff. Schools will be advised of the expectations and responsibilities of the local community. Under the Board policy, adjustments may be made to the regulations that provide for greater effectiveness.