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## BRIEFING NOTE

**To:** Board of Education

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**Subject:** NAMING COMMITTEE

**Date:** April 19, 2023

### Purpose

The purpose of this briefing note is to propose for decision, the new name of the childcare centre planned at 7420 Veyaness Road.

The Committee recommends that the Board approve:

- the new childcare center be named **ŠEŠÍŠEJ** (little forest)
- a display be created for the site to honour the history of the land pre and post contact

### Background

Under 2 (Role of the Board), the Board's role includes naming or renaming educational facilities and land. Administrative Procedure 541 (Naming of School Facilities) outlines the consultation process for the naming of a school, which includes that the Superintendent will appoint a school naming committee that will seek input from the school community and, as possible, the community at large.

A Naming Committee was formed as follows:

- Carly Hunter, Chair
- Abe Pelkey, WSÁNEĆ School Board
- Ceilidh Fear, COPACS
- Elaine Venables, Beacon Community Services
- Elsie McMurphy, Board Vice Chair
- Holly Fang, COPACS
- Melissa Austin, Principal
- Rob Lumb, Director of Facilities
- Shelly Black, Saanich Teachers' Association
- Suzanne Chisholm, Saanich Administrators' Association
- Tricia Heglin, CUPE 441

The Committee had their inaugural meeting on November 10, 2022 and agreed on their purpose and terms of reference.

In subsequent meetings, the Committee agreed that the name will be:

- a SENĆOŦEN word;
- connected to nature; and,
- connected to the location of the school.

The following name options were discussed:

**ŠEŠIŠEJ** (Little Forest): recommended by the Elders.

**TITETEM** (Little Birds): suggestion from a member of the Committee.

A survey requesting feedback on the suggested names was distributed on February 22, 2023 to staff members and further distributed on March 6, 2023 to parents, students, and community members. The results of the survey reflected a unanimous decision to support the name **ŠEŠIŠEJ** (Little Forest).

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the decision to support the name **ŠEŠIŠEJ** (Little Forest) as recommended by the Elders and that a display be created for the site to honour the history of the land pre and post contact.

With respect,



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Director of Instruction

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