

*York Region District School Board
Elementary School Greenfield Sites*



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- Prior to EDC Regulation 20/98, site size for York Region District School Board was 7.4 acres.
- In 1998, reflecting EDC Regulation 20/98, site size was reduced to 5 acres for a 500 pupil school
 - Based on the Regulation and willingness to work with developers and municipalities to reduce site size.

Some of the 5 acre sites worked reasonable well:

- Joint school-park sites which were developed in a seamless fashion with fields overlapping ownership, and shared parking
- Joint public and catholic school board sites designed with shared outdoor facilities such as parking and bus-loops
- Partnerships with the two school boards and the municipality.

Most of the 5 acre sites have not worked out very well for the York Region District School Board.

- There is not enough hard play area and field space to meet the program needs of the school.
- There is inadequate space for portable accommodation and/or school additions.

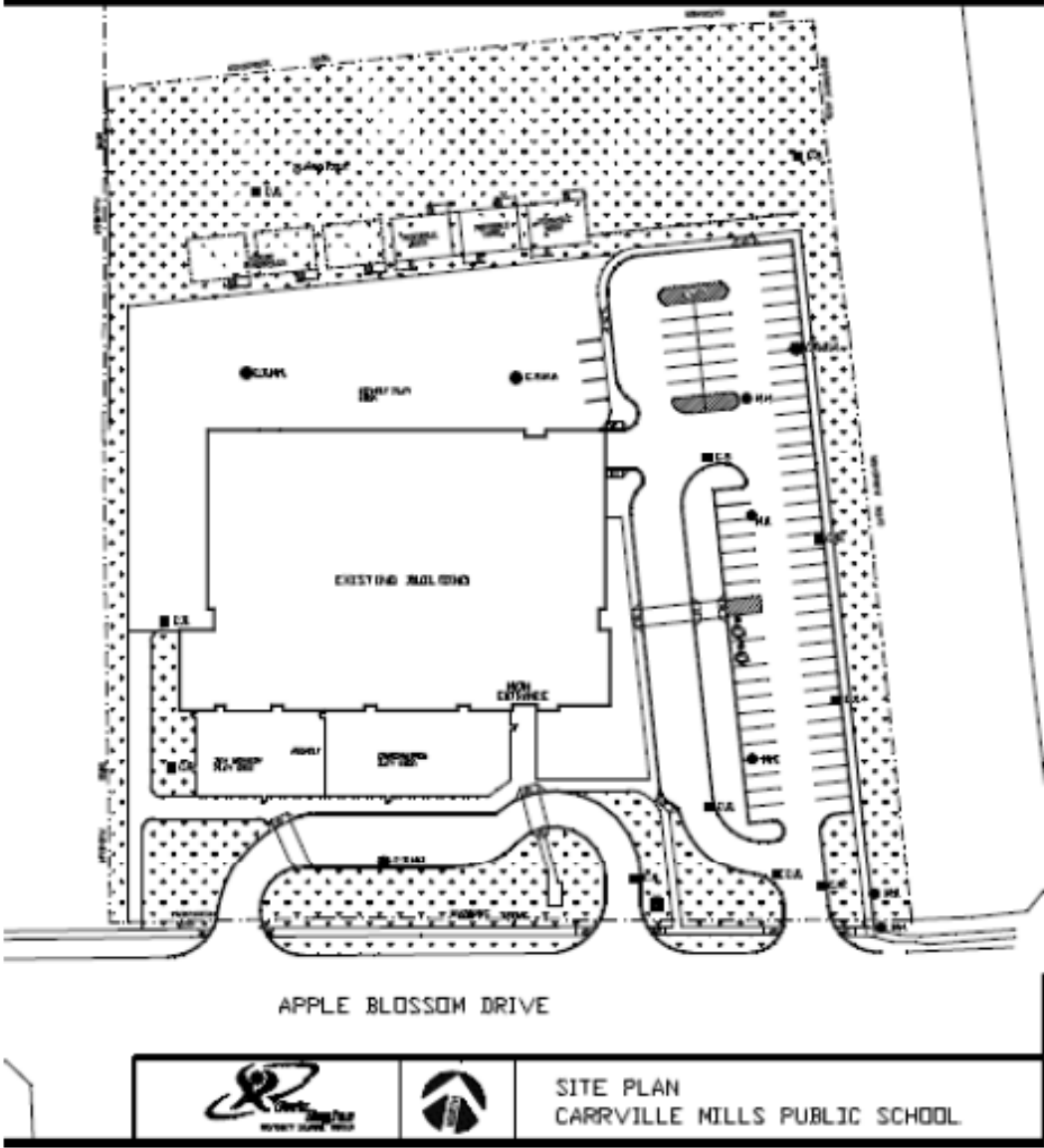
The reasons for the 5 acre sites not working include:

- Increased municipal requirements re set-backs, landscaping, on-site parking and circulation, and separation of bus-loops and parking
- Grades of sites which don't allow effective use of the full school site
- Parks being developed separately, not withstanding understanding at site designation, and not reflecting school board needs
 - Burms and trees separating sites
 - High quality sports fields not available for daily use

- Reduction in primary school class sizes, resulting in requirements for portables and/or additions, with associated parking
- Introduction of Full Day Learning for 4 & 5 year olds resulting in further additional requirements for portables and/or additions

Following is an example of a 5 acres site for a 500 pupil place school that does not work.

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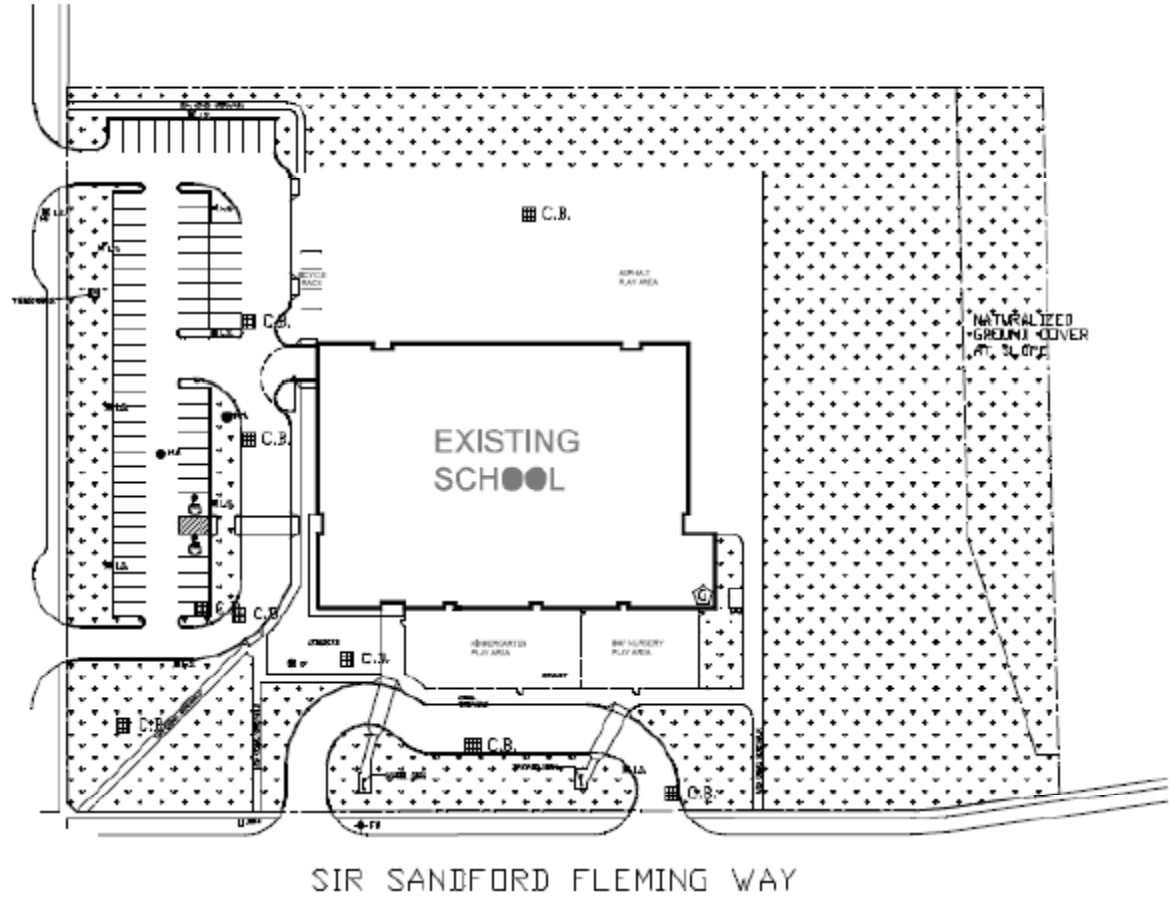


York Region District School Board has been forced to increase the site size for a 500 pupil place school to 6 acres to meet its program requirements.

Following is an example of a 6 acre site that meets the minimal requirements.

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GRAND TRUNK AVE.



SIR SANDFORD FLEMING WAY



SITE PLAN of
Dr. ROBERTA BONDAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Following is an example of a 3.5 acre site in Markham Centre which accommodates the school, hard play area and a playing field, with underground parking.

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