

DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

REPORT TO: Durham District School Board **DATE:** February 20, 2018

SUBJECT: Unnamed North Oshawa PS
(Greenhill Avenue/Clearbrook Drive)
Boundary Consultation Process
City of Oshawa **PAGE NO.** Page 1 of 7

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1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to commence a public consultation process in accordance with Regulation #3313 School Boundaries with regards to establishing boundaries for Unnamed North Oshawa PS (Greenhill Avenue/Clearbrook Drive).

The Durham District School Board received approval and funding from the Ministry of Education to construct an elementary school on the north side of Greenhill Avenue, north of Clearbrook Drive in Oshawa. The school is scheduled to open September 2019. Appendix A identifies the location of the future school.

2. Background

The Unnamed North Oshawa PS received approval and funding for the construction of the school as one of the Board's 2016 Business Case submissions to the Ministry of Education.

Students proposed to attend Unnamed North Oshawa PS are currently accommodated at Sherwood PS and there is growth assigned to Seneca Trail PS. A map, outlining the location of these holding schools (and their boundaries), as well as identifying the location of the Unnamed North Oshawa PS, is found in Appendix B.

The proposed boundary for Unnamed North Oshawa PS is found in Appendix C. Staff have discussed the proposal with Oshawa Trustees and Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) staff. As per Regulation #3313, Superintendent Richard Kennelly and Planning staff will be meeting with the School Community Council (SCC) executive of Seneca Trail PS and Sherwood PS to further outline the proposal and receive any input.

An Open House is scheduled to take place on March 28, 2018 in the gym at Sherwood PS, between 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at which time the proposed boundaries will be presented to the community/stakeholders.

The Open House format is facilitated through different stations where the community can read information provided and ask staff questions informally. Oshawa Trustees, Superintendent Richard Kennelly, school staff, and Board staff from various departments including Planning, Construction, DSTS, and Early Years, will be at the Open House to answer questions.

At the Open House, formal community input can be provided through the completion of comment sheets, which will be provided. Community members can also provide feedback by sending an email, or leaving a voicemail at the dedicated lines established for this boundary process. Community feedback will be collected until April 13, 2018.

A final report will be prepared by staff, taking into consideration all community feedback. The report will include a summary of community feedback received. This report is scheduled to be presented to Trustees on May 22, 2018, for their review, consideration and decision.

3. Analysis

3.1 Overview of Unnamed North Oshawa PS

Unnamed North Oshawa PS is being constructed to include 24 classrooms and a 4-room Child Care (infant, toddler and two preschool rooms). The school will have a Ministry Capacity of 519 pupil places.

3.2 Holding Schools

Students from the area currently attend Sherwood PS in Oshawa, as identified in Appendix B. Within the proposed Unnamed North Oshawa PS boundary, there is also a portion of land designated to Seneca Trail PS, outlined in Appendix B. To date, there is no one residing within the lands designated to Seneca Trail PS however, homes are projected to be occupied later this year.

3.2.1 Sherwood PS

Sherwood PS, located at 633 Ormond Drive, Oshawa opened in September 2003. The school opened in the early phases of the neighbourhood with a JK – Grade 8 enrolment of 334 students. The neighbourhood, primarily made up of new housing, developed around the school and resulted in the current larger boundary, as outlined in Appendix B.

The current enrolment projections for Sherwood PS *without* the opening of Unnamed North Oshawa PS are provided in Table 1.

Table 1

	Capacity	Actual	Projections			
		October 2017	October 2018	October 2019	October 2020	October 2021
Sherwood PS	479	792	780	785	774	773
Utilization %		165%	163%	164%	162%	161%
Portables (Actual & Projected)		11	11	11	11	11

3.2.2 Seneca Trail PS

Seneca Trail PS, located at 1915 Queensbury Drive, Oshawa, opened in September 2013, as a dual track school. In September 2016, Jeanne Sauvé PS opened and adopted Seneca Trail PS’s French Immersion boundary.

Seneca Trail PS has space to accommodate growth including lands within Unnamed North Oshawa PS’s proposed boundary, as outlined in Appendix B. Currently, no one resides in the Seneca Trail PS lands within the proposed Unnamed North Oshawa PS boundary area.

The development designated to Seneca Trail PS is currently open for sales. Some units have sold and the developer projects some occupancies for the fall 2018. To date, the development has not been registered and therefore not included in projected enrolment, as per process. Based on unit count for Phase 1 of the development, a minimal number of pupils will be projected upon registration.

The current enrolment projections for Seneca Trail PS *without* the opening of Unnamed North Oshawa PS are provided in Table 2.

Table 2

	Capacity	Actual	Projections			
		October 2017	October 2018	October 2019	October 2020	October 2021
Seneca Trail PS	542	401	423	435	433	422
Utilization %		74%	78%	80%	80%	78%
Portables (Actual & Projected)		0	0	0	0	0

Seneca Trail PS is one of the DDSB schools to receive Ministry of Education capital funding for Child Care renovations/conversions. The school will be receiving an Infant, Toddler and Preschool Child Care rooms. Specific timing for the new Child Care rooms is yet to be determined; however, Child Care is required to open by the 2019/2020 school year. The classroom space required to accommodate the Child Care will reduce the capacity of the school.

3.3 Unnamed North Oshawa PS Projections

With the opening of Unnamed North Oshawa PS projected for September 2019, the enrolment projections for Unnamed North Oshawa PS, and the holding schools, are provided in Table 3.

Based upon previous new DDSB school openings, a new facility attracts students from other sources including other publicly funded schools and private schools. Based upon past new school openings, it is projected that Unnamed North Oshawa PS could attract approximately 30 new students per year. These numbers have been included within Unnamed North Oshawa PS’s enrolment projections.

Table 3

	Capacity	Actual	Projections			
		October 2017	October 2018	October 2019	October 2020	October 2021
Unnamed North Oshawa PS	519			427	422	429
Utilization %				82%	81%	83%
Portables (Actual & Projected)				0	0	0
Sherwood PS	479	792	780	388	382	374
Utilization %		165%	163%	81%	80%	78%
Portables (Actual & Projected)		11	11	0	0	0
Seneca Trail PS	542*	401	423	435	433	422
Utilization %		74%	78%	80%	80%	78%
Portables (Actual & Projected)		0	0	0	0	0

Note: Enrolment projections include growth from registered plans to date only

**Does not reflect capacity reduction with Child Care*

Unnamed North Oshawa PS will provide needed relief to Sherwood PS and will allow Seneca Trail PS to continue to provide space for future growth designated to the school.

As noted in Table 3, enrolment projections incorporate growth from registered plans of subdivision. There is future development/growth within the proposed boundary of Unnamed North Oshawa PS currently designated to Seneca Trail PS. As outlined in Section 3.2.2, this development, with some units already sold, is not yet registered. This growth is therefore not included in Unnamed North Oshawa PS’s enrolment projections to date.

With regards to Seneca Trail PS, there is future growth from undeveloped lands between Harmony Road and Grandview Street, south of Conlin Road (refer to Appendix B) that are designated to Seneca Trail PS and will be incorporated into the enrolment projections upon registration of the plans of subdivision.

Additionally, as identified in the September 18, 2017 Board Report entitled “*Draft Accommodation Plan: Trends, Issues and Future Opportunities*” the Kedron Planning Area, directly north of these three schools (Seneca Trail PS, Sherwood PS and Unnamed North Oshawa PS) is planned for a community of 23,500. As with other new development areas, pupils will be accommodated at existing schools until new schools can be justified. Any of these three schools may be used to accommodate this growth pending timing and available space.

With available space projected at Sherwood PS there is the possibility for potential Child Care Centre (Infant, Toddler and Preschool Child Care rooms) into the future, pending need and funding.

3.3.1 Grandfathering

When new schools open, there is the option for the Grade 7 students to be grandfathered and remain at their current (holding) school, or to graduate at their new neighbourhood school (Unnamed North Oshawa PS). The trend over the last few years, has been for the Grade 7 students to move to the new school, rather than graduate at their current (holding) school.

The option to move to the new school, or stay at their current school, will be provided to all current Grade 6 students for their Grade 8 graduating year.

Based upon the current trends, the information provided in Table 3 assumes that all current Grade 6 students (Grade 7 for 2018/2019) will decide to attend Unnamed North Oshawa PS for their graduating year.

4. Ignite Learning Strategic Priority/Operational Goals

Increase Student Achievement and Well-Being

- Align resources to where they are most needed to support equitable outcomes for all students.
- Provide safe, inclusive and respectful learning environments which support positive academic, mental and physical growth.

Constructively Engage the Community

- Use many ways to communicate with and receive feedback from the community.

5. Financial Implications

There is an anticipated savings in transportation, given that all students within the boundary have been transported to their designated school; however, will now be attending a school within their neighbourhood.

6. Evidence of Impact

Establishing boundaries to accommodate students in their neighbourhood school, will result in reduced transportation and portable needs (net of 11 portables) at schools currently holding students (Sherwood PS and Seneca Trail PS).

7. Communication Plan

There will be a number of opportunities available to provide and receive communication:

- SCC Executive Meeting
- Open House
- Email and Voicemail
- Report to be posted on the DDSB's website under 'About Us, Facilities & Accommodations'
- Final Report taking into consideration all community input presented May 2018
- Newsletters available on the schools' website and available on DDSB's website under 'About Us, Facilities & Accommodations'

8. Conclusion

The Unnamed North Oshawa PS received Ministry of Education approval for construction as one of the Board's 2016 Business Case submissions. The school will alleviate accommodation pressures at Sherwood PS and provide additional space to accommodate growth at Seneca Trail PS.

The new school, scheduled to open in September 2019, will be located on the north side of Greenhill Avenue, north of Clearbrook Drive in Oshawa, as identified in Appendix A.

An Open House is scheduled for March 28, 2018. The purpose of the Open House is to provide information to the community, while also providing an opportunity to gather input. A dedicated email address and phone line will be established as another means to gather community input.

This report is provided for Trustee information.

9. Appendices

Appendix A – Location Map Unnamed North Oshawa PS (Greenhill Avenue/Clearbrook Drive)

Appendix B – Schools Location Map

Appendix C – Proposed Unnamed North Oshawa PS (Greenhill Avenue/Clearbrook Drive)
Boundary Map

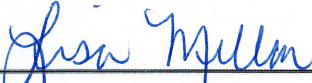
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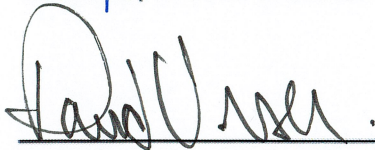
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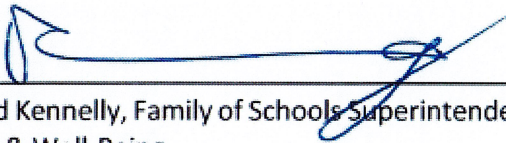
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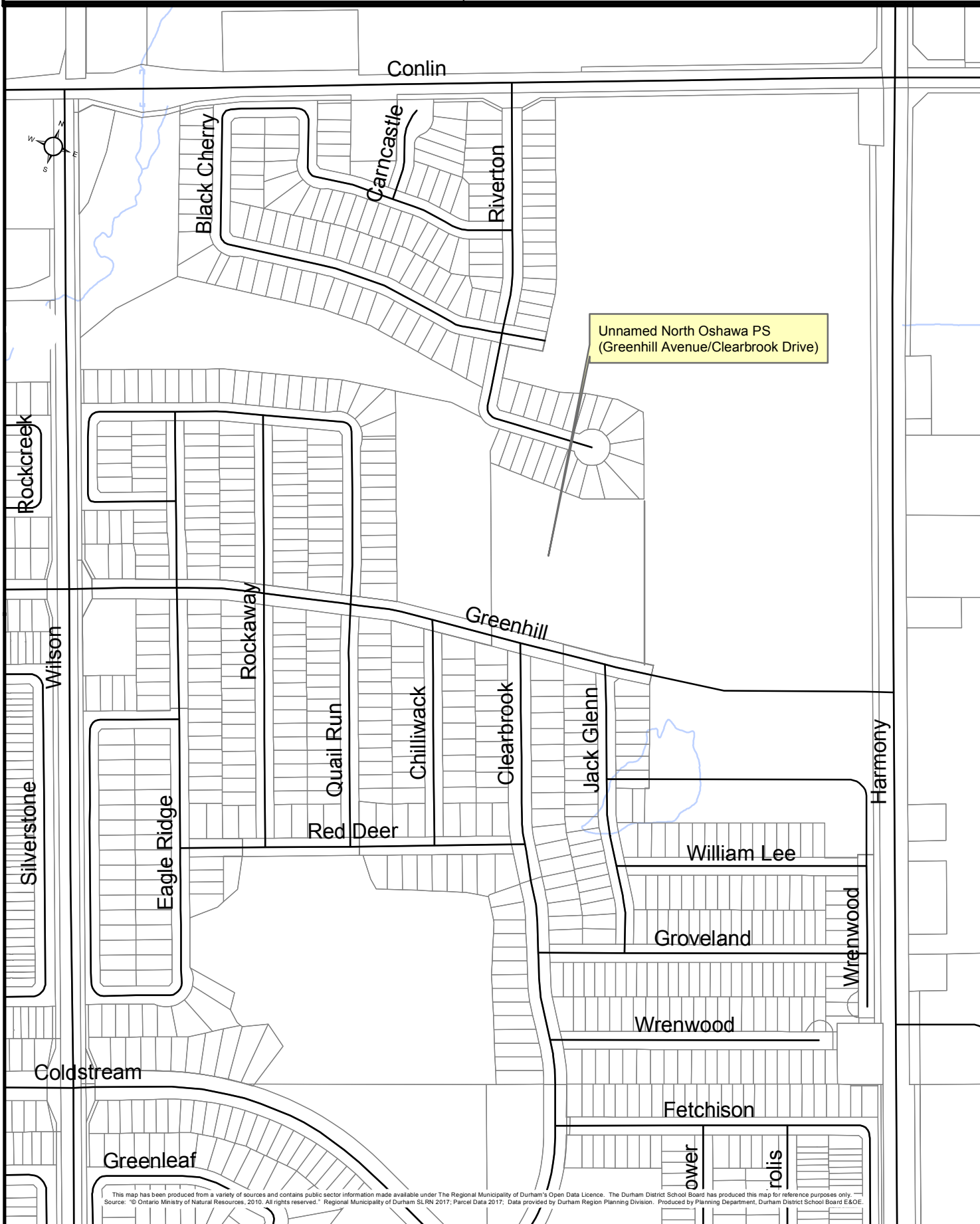


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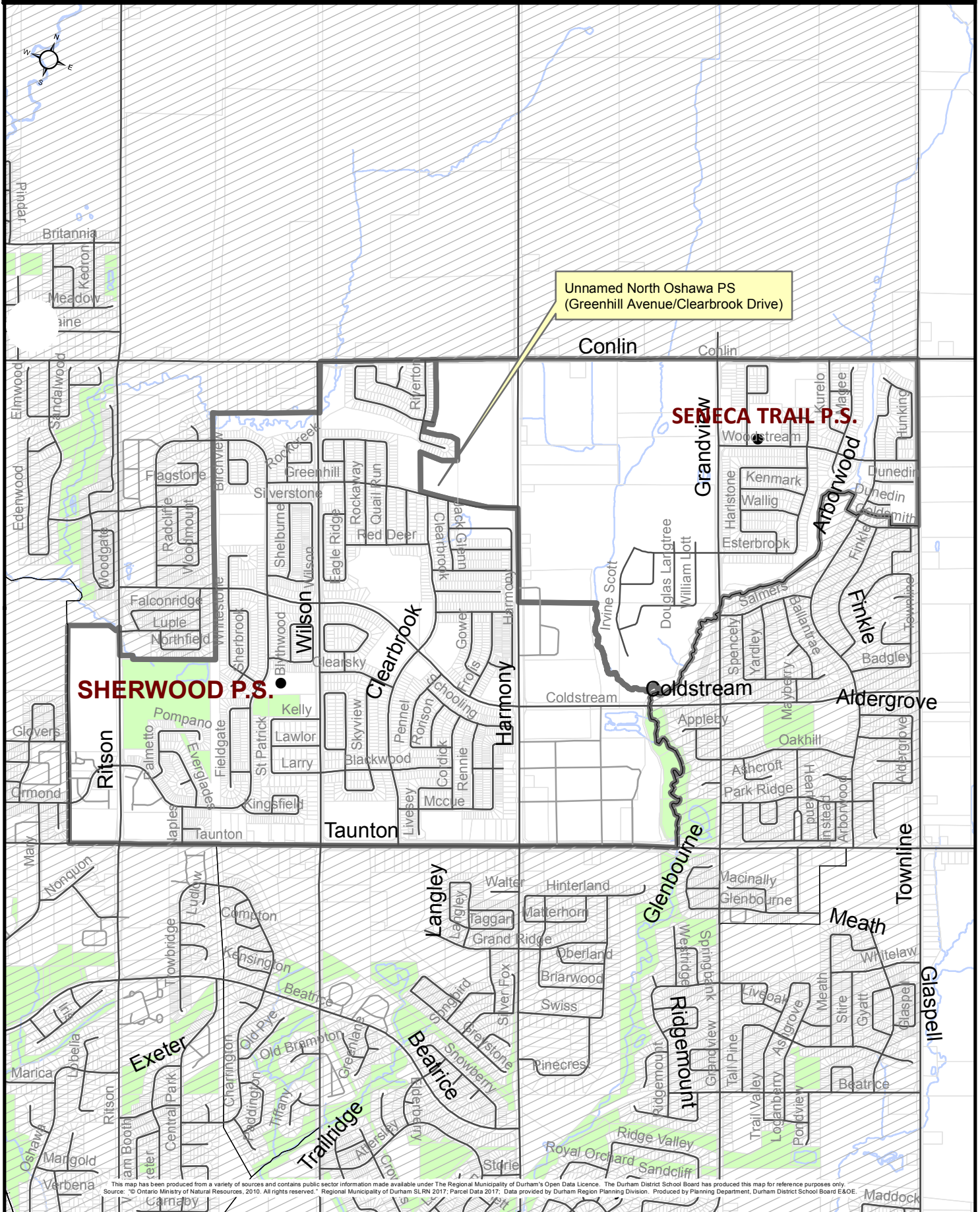
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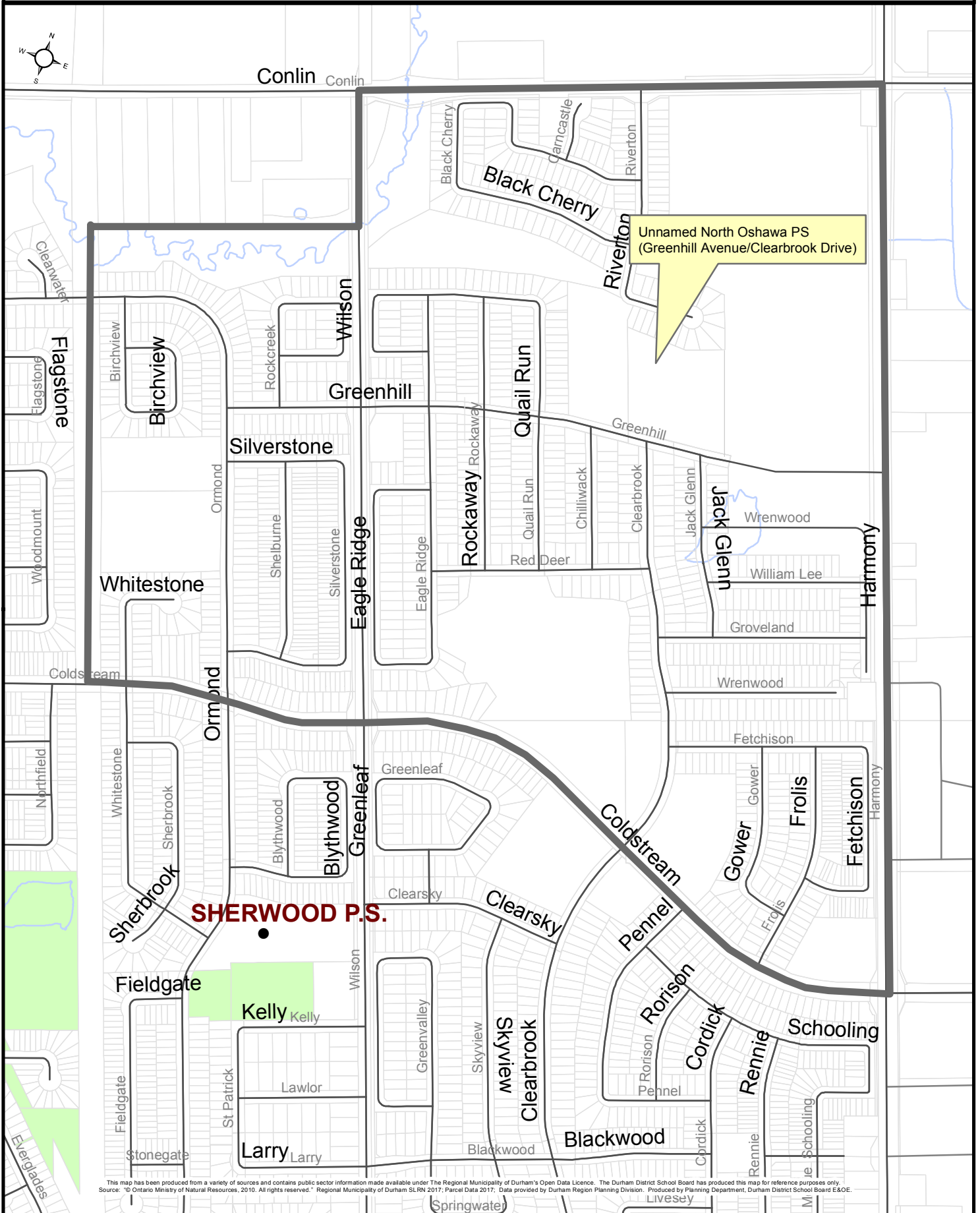
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Proposed Unnamed North Oshawa PS (Greenhill Avenue/Clearbrook Drive) Boundary Map



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