

Frequently Asked Questions

How will the facility's water and wastewater needs be serviced?

Water will be supplied via groundwater supply well in accordance with the Manitoba Groundwater and Water Well Act. Wastewater will be stored in a sewage holding tank and pumped out by a vacuum truck to be disposed of offsite. Installation of the holding tank is regulated by Manitoba Conservation.

How will automotive fluids and by-products be handled safely?

All new and used oil will be stored in tanks with double wall construction. Grit and oil interceptors will be installed in the bus bays to prevent oil from entering the sanitary piping for bus service areas in accordance with the Manitoba Plumbing Code. Waste oil will be removed by a vacuum truck. No gasoline or diesel will be stored onsite.

How will noise be dealt with?

The site has been designed with berms, setbacks and fencing to help reduce noise infiltration.

How will this affect road safety and traffic on Grassmere Rd?

Based on a recommendation from Manitoba Infrastructure, the number of access points on Grassmere Road have been reduced to one. We will be required to obtain all applicable provincial permits and approvals before proceeding and may also undertake a traffic study or undertake the need for road improvements if necessary. Similar facilities throughout Winnipeg have not required signalization.

How many staff will work at the ALSF?

A total of 70 staff members including administrative staff, mechanics, tradespeople and bus drivers will work onsite at peak hours.

How many vehicles will be parked at the ALSF?

Parking for staff and visitors will include 165 stalls. Parking for up to 65 buses will also be provided, though our fleet currently includes:

- 38 standard school buses
- 9 wheelchair buses
- 6 spare buses
- 6 service vehicles

How many buses service West St. Paul residents?

Presently, 18 of our 38 standard buses service the residents of West St. Paul and we anticipate that all future growth in bus routes will take place within that community.

What will hours of operation be?

The facility will operate from 6:30 am to 5 pm weekdays during the school year. It will be open on school breaks for administrative and trades staff and the agricultural learning space will operate through the summer. A few buses will support summer program field trips.

When will construction begin?

Construction is scheduled to commence Summer 2017 and conclude Summer 2018.

How much will the facility cost taxpayers?

The project will cost taxpayers nothing, as it will be entirely financed through the sale of our former McPhillips Street service site.

How will the cost of operating the new facility compare to the existing site?

There will be utility savings and efficiencies expected with a modern facility.

Is there an after-hours security plan?

The facility will be alarmed similar to all other SOSD facilities.

Did you consider other sites for this facility?

Yes, several. Unfortunately none within budget provided paved road access on a provincial highway and proximity to a controlled intersection.