

Shatford Building/Auditorium

During the planning phase of this project, the City of Penticton and the school district committed to working to save the Ellis and Shatford buildings. Following this first construction phase, the Ellis building will be renovated, linked to the new construction, and its 11 classrooms become part of the reconstructed school. Planning for the future of the Shatford building has not been completed. The PSS auditorium will be used as a full time classroom during construction and on a limited basis will remain available for public rentals during construction.

Summary

The reconstruction of Penticton Secondary School is a major project for the school district and our community. We expect it will take three years to complete including the development of the site.

As most of the existing school and fields are not impacted by construction, we expect minimal disruption for students and staff. The area of new construction will be fenced off from the school buildings to protect student safety.

When completed, the school will provide numerous enhancements and specialty rooms not currently available including a gymnasium nearly 50% larger than present, separate choral and band rooms, a dance studio, and a large multipurpose room that will provide a lunch room space for students. Reduced utility and operating costs will allow existing funds to be redirected to student services.

The funding of public school construction in B.C. is provided by the Ministry of Education. The Board of School Trustees for School District 67 appreciates the support of the provincial government for their approval of this project.

Schedule of Dates

September 2006	Construction begins
September 2008	Occupancy of new school
August 2008	Demolition of vacant school buildings
August 2008	Renovation of Ellis building
October 2008	Site development—parking, bus loading

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School District No. 67 (Okanagan Skaha)

Construction Starts at Penticton Secondary School

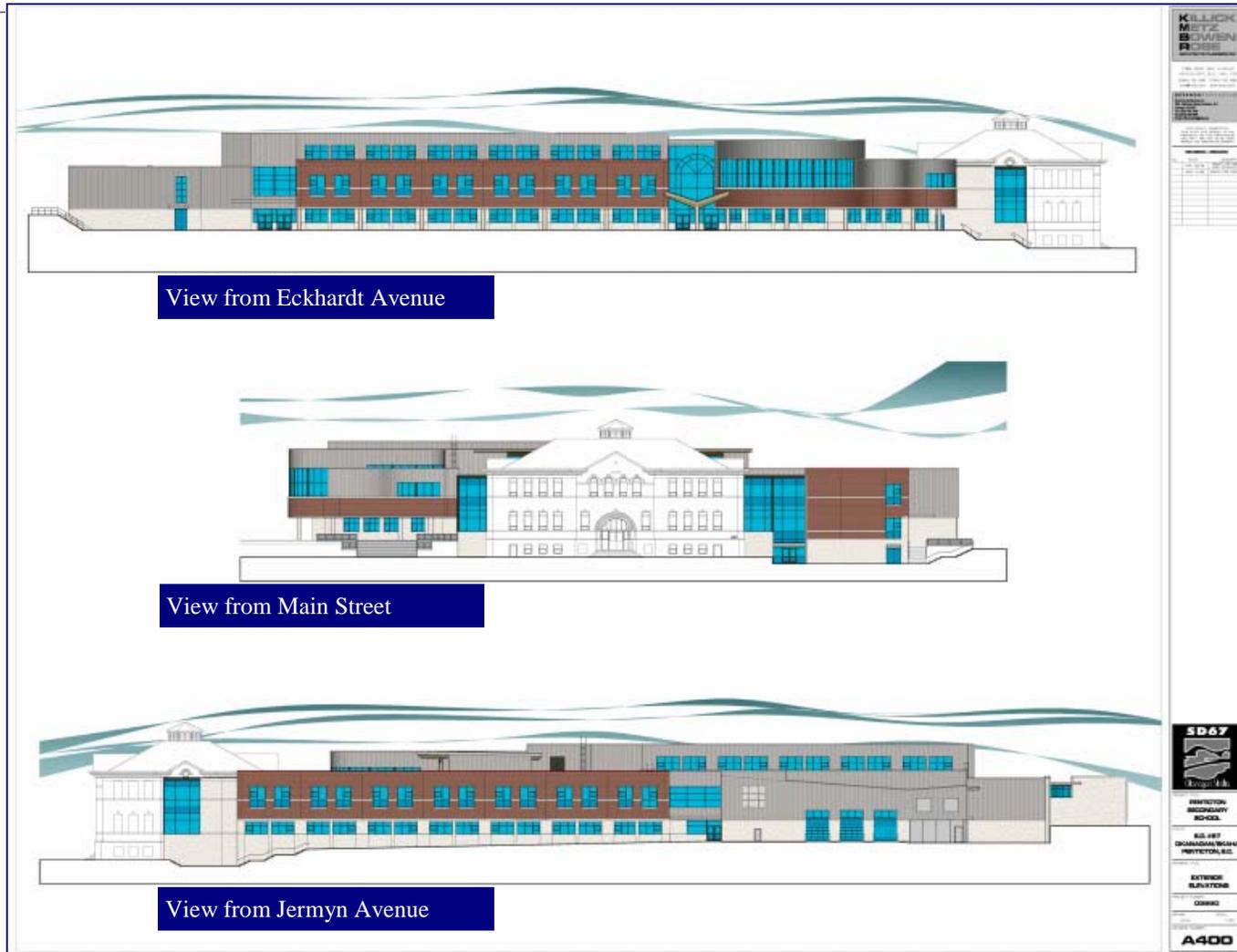
The contract for phase 1 of the Penticton Secondary School reconstruction has been awarded to Graham Construction and Engineering. Construction is to start as soon as possible and is expected to be completed in approximately 20 months. This construction will be at the east side of the Ellis building and will include:

- Nineteen general classrooms
- Seven science and four computer rooms
- Band, choral, dance, drama, and art rooms
- Wood, metal, and automotive shops
- Textiles, foods room, and teaching kitchen
- Library, multipurpose room, and gymnasium

Following this first phase of construction, the next phases include:

- Rebuilding the Ellis and Shatford buildings
- Demolition of most of the existing school
- Site development for parking, bus loading, landscaping

August 30, 2006



Bus Loading

Existing access to Penticton Secondary School from Jermyn Avenue will not be available during construction. The construction site will be fenced to include the area from the tennis courts to the Ellis building. Buses will load and unload from the school property off Eckhardt Avenue. Until the completion of construction, parking will remain limited. During construction, most staff parking spaces will be relocated to Eckhardt Avenue.

Preparation for Construction

During the past six months, significant work has been completed to prepare for construction. The south gym and Aggie buildings were demolished in June and the south side of the drama/tech wing will be demolished shortly. All remaining areas, including the Ellis and Shatford buildings, will be used as teaching areas for this phase of construction. To provide for the demolished spaces, some classes have been relocated within the school and six portable classrooms have been located in the school courtyard. In addition, houses have been removed from five residential properties on Eckhardt Avenue which are owned by the school district and this property will support the school's operation during construction.