Building on Scenario 3 from Looking Inward, establish a P-12 school on the Cabot High School site expanding it by constructing a separate wing to house the P-6 students currently being served by North Highlands and Cape Smokey Elementary Schools. Under this scenario North Highlands and Cape Smokey would be returned to the P3 partner at the end of the initial lease in 2020.

Considerations

Cabot High School was constructed in 1974 and serves the secondary school population (grades 7-12) north of Smokey. Changes and improvements to the building were made in 1986 and 1989. There are 12 classroom spaces plus specialized support spaces at Cabot High School. The school has a capacity of 300 students and occupies 46928 square feet of space. As of September 30, 2013, 198 students attend Cabot High School.

North Highlands Elementary School and Cape Smokey Elementary School were built in 2000. Each facility has 30573 square feet of space. Estimated purchase price for each school at the end of the lease in 2020 would be $2,078,964.00.
This scenario would see the two P3 schools returned to the private sector partner in favour of the construction of a separate elementary school wing on the Cabot High School site to accommodate an estimated 200 elementary students. The new structure would provide for classroom and support spaces.

This proposal would also see the refurbishment of Cabot High with a proposed central core of common spaces – gym, music room, resource, cafeteria, etc. for use by both the elementary and secondary students.

Relocation of all the students north of Smokey on one campus would

a) Result in the two elementary schools being returned to the private partner

b) Result in longer bus rides for most elementary students currently being served at Cape Smokey and North Highlands. The trip to the single campus would be a mix-aged group of students.

c) Result in the need for a school capital project to achieve the desired outcome

d) Result in fewer split grade classes

The funding provided under Hogg Funding Formula 2 would remain in place providing for additional staffing support.
The newly established elementary school communities and the excellent facilities that have provided a wonderful venue for the delivery of the public school curriculum would be lost to the communities of Ingonish and Aspy Bay under this scenario.