Examine the option of housing all of the students attending the East Bay School and Mountainview Elementary under one roof at East Bay and identify the Mountainview Elementary School for inclusion in a school review process.

Considerations

The East Bay School was constructed in 1965 as a primary to grade nine school facility. It has a capacity for 175 students as currently configured as a P-6 in that five of the twelve rooms have been identified for other uses (e.g. music, French, library, art room, lunch room). It has a centrally located multi-purpose room /gymnasium.

The capacity of East Bay was put to the test in the fall of 2012 when an environment issue at Mountainview pressed the smaller East Bay facility into action hosting Mountainview’s 192 students plus 38 East Bay students for a period of 27 days.

For many years the East Bay School served students from the Eskasoni First Nation.

East Bay School received students from MacDonald Elementary School in Big Pond when that school closed its doors. East Bay School now serves all elementary school age children from the Richmond County line to Islandview.

If this scenario was to be implemented a School Capital Construction Project would have to be generated to refurbish the existing facility and provide for an appropriate program space addition. This would involve an engineering study of the facility to identify the areas of the school that would require refurbishment. As this site is in a rural settling and the size of the student population would be substantially increased under this scenario septic and water systems may need to be expanded or replaced.