



CBE is Accepting Expressions of Interest for W.H. Cushing Workplace School

Situation

In 1995 the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) and Telus entered into a unique partnership for the use of corporate space for a downtown workplace school. Telus has provided space for the [W.H. Cushing Workplace School](#) on the main floor of the Len Werry building at the rate of \$1 per year. However, the space where the school resides will soon be unavailable due to redevelopment of the north side of the 100 block of 7 Ave. S.W. as part of the Telus' Sky building project. The current lease agreement will expire on July 31, 2016.

The School

The school has approximately 100 students in kindergarten through Grade 3. Parents who work downtown find that the school's location and partnership with on-site childcare allows them to be more closely involved with their child's learning on a daily basis.

The unique setting of the school has created links in the students' learning environment and parents' workplaces. The downtown core location also allowed for access to downtown resources and venues such as the Glenbow Museum, Calgary Public Library, Art Gallery of Calgary, Prince's Island Park, Olympic Plaza and the Eau Claire YMCA.

Opportunity

The Calgary Board of Education is open to accepting expressions of interest from any corporation in downtown Calgary that has appropriate space for a school and would see this as an opportunity.

The CBE is open to other partnerships which would support a similar mutually beneficial relationship in the downtown area. At the same time, it must work within its fiscal realities and the serious accommodation crunch that it faces. The current lease is \$1 per year.

Requirements

The following is a list of the standard requirements for a school with a capacity of 150 students. This information is intended for reference only and may not be representative of final space requirements. Layout and location of potential lease facilities will impact final requirements as it relates to facility design and building code conformance.

Description	Sq. Metres
Standard school spaces	
3 classrooms of 80m ²	240
1 science room	95
Ancillary rooms (ie. music, drama)	220
Learning Commons (library)	60
Flex space (student gathering space)	40
Administration areas	200
Staff and student washrooms (separate)	18
Storage	27
Wiring network closet	30
Facility Operations storage	15
Circulation areas (ie. entryway, hallways)	195
Non-standard school space	
Room for before/after school care provider	100
Total Area	1,240

Other Considerations:

- Reasonable access to a gymnasium
- Reasonable access to outdoor play area(s)
- Reasonable access to public library (instead of learning commons)
- Staff parking option (10 stalls)
- Parent drop-off availability
- Ease of access in/out of building with students
- Secured/restricted access to school

Contact

For more information about this opportunity, corporations can contact CBE Corporate Partnerships at 403-817-7242 or partnerships@cbe.ab.ca.