The people spoke, the school board listened
New K-12 school to be built in Sharbot Lake, LOLPS to remain open

by Jeff Green

The Accommodation review process for the Sharbot Lake Family of Schools has been completed, and planning for a new Kin- dergarten through Grade 12 School at the site of the current Sharbot Lake High School will now begin.

As the new school is being planned, money will also be spent upgrading the two schools in the region that will be remaining open: Clarendon Central in Plevna, and, as of Monday Night, Land O’ Lakes Public School (LOLPS) in Mountain Grove.

The decision to keep LOLPS open was the single largest change between the draft report and the final report. The decision was based on a recommendation by the PARC committee, said "I still have a bit of an issue with the location. I see the Hinchinbrooke site as favourable."

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