

?Inclusive washrooms? coming to local high schools

By Bill Rea

Changes are coming to the washroom facilities at public high schools in Peel Region.

The Peel District School Board has announced all of the high schools will be equipped with gender-neutral washrooms by the end of the new school year.

And that's fine with Trustee Stan Cameron.

Caledon's representative on the Board called them ?inclusive washrooms.?

An instructor at Centennial College, Cameron said such facilities are in place there, and at all campuses.

Cameron said these facilities in the high schools will require some retrofitting and design work. He also couldn't say exactly when they will be installed at Mayfield or Humberview Secondary Schools.

?It's basically about creating safe spacer for students who might need a safe space,? he commented.

He added there will be locks on these washrooms, so there's not likely to be a case of males and females using them at the same time.

He also said that while trustees were aware this was in the works, it was an administrative decision, so the board didn't actually vote on it.

But he stressed he has no trouble with such facilities.

?It's very accessible for everyone,? Cameron stated. ?It's really quite inclusive.?