

Matters Postponed From Previous Meeting

From: Denise Joseph-Dowers, Senior Manager, Governance and Board Services

At the May 16, 2022 meeting of the Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee, consideration of the following matter, introduced by Trustees Mammoliti and Smith as business arising, was postponed to the next regular meeting of the Committee.

The matter is therefore presented for consideration at this time for consideration.

Supplemental Approach to Funding Sources for Capital Projects

Whereas, the current Ministry capital priority submission process has a primary focus on schools or school areas experiencing pupil accommodation pressures, this process does not adequately address Toronto District School Board (TDSB) need for replacement schools in priority neighbourhoods; and,

Whereas, school conditions within geographic areas impacted by key factors such as LOI, escalating deferred maintenance and surplus space are in decline or exceed their economic life and need replacing but only receive repair grants; and,

Whereas, TDSB's school infrastructure has now reached an average of 65 years and requiring an estimated \$4B to address the deferred maintenance only to bring schools up to a current state of repair; and,

Whereas TDSB has built the same number of schools in the last 20 years as it had between 1880-1910, at 6; and,

Whereas, 114 schools by ministry definition are considered prohibitive to repair including 17 schools with FCI's in excess of 100%, all of which require continual ministry repair grants; and,

Whereas, \$1B is required to address more than 300 TDSB schools that fall short of the current accessibility standards; and,

Whereas, TDSB has no opportunity to raise local education dollars through taxation or levies; and,

Whereas, there is a need for a new capital funding approach between the Ministry of Education and TDSB; and,

Whereas, as a result of joint meeting held on March 4th 2022 between the Ministry of Education, TDSB and Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC), the Deputy Minister of Education expressed wanting a further understanding of TDSB and TLC's school modernization strategy, struck a committee consisting of the Assistant Deputy Minister, TDSB's Interim Associate Director and TLC's CEO to form a working group to undertake the formation of a new joint approach to capital funding to

inform the Ministry of Education's writing of policy to be introduced following the appointment of Government in June 2022;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- a) That the TDSB support the joint working group between the Ministry of Education, TDSB and TLC to advise the provincial government on a new approach to capital funding for schools;
- b) That the TDSB and TLC work with the Ministry of Education to develop funding arrangement that allows a portion of Proceeds of Disposition to be used to support Capital Priority projects on an annual basis;
- c) That the funding model in part (b) be included in the Annual Capital Budget and Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy, subject to development and approval;
- d) That the Director, in consultation with the TLC, present a report in September 2022 on a capital revenue generation rubric focused on equitable access and the retention of public assets;
- e) That the TLC include as a part of its' Annual Plan and Budget, potential strategies to achieve the \$150M in capital revenue generation opportunities for approval by the Board in the earliest possible budget cycle of meetings.