



**Name of Committee:** Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** 7 February 2023

**Directed To:** Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee

A meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee convened on February 7, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:03 p.m. virtually via [zoom/teams/webex/etc], with Anne Keary presiding.

<b>Attendance:</b>	<p>Anne Keary (Community Co-Chair), Susan Bakshi (Parent), Valerie Endicott (Community Member), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Leslie Maxwell (Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region), Linda Naccarato (Community Member), Robin Richardson (Yonge4All), Nicole Roach (Green Communities Canada), Stefan Sommer (CUPE 4400), Bob Spencer (Community Member), Andrea Stephens (Parent), Sarah Urquhart (Doctoral Student, OISE), Monika Wlodarczyk (Parent).</p> <p>Also present were: Michelle Aarts (Trustee, Ward 16), Richard Christie (TDSB), Alexis Dawson (Trustee, Ward 9), Matias de Dovitiis (Trustee, Ward 4), Kristen Evers (TDSB), David Hawker-Budlovsky (TDSB), Mary Kokinakis (TDSB), Dan MacLean (Trustee, Ward 2), Mahnaz Mirkhond-Chegini (TDSB), Gigi Shanks (TDSB), Craig Snider (TDSB), Jenn Vetter (TDSB).</p>
<b>Regrets:</b>	<p>Alysse Kennedy (Natural Curiosity), Manna Wong, (Co-Chair, Trustee Ward 20).</p>

**Part A: Recommendations**

The Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee recommends:

Whereas, at the December 12, 2019 meeting, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) endorsed the City of Toronto’s climate emergency declaration; and

Whereas the TDSB’s budget decisions must consider the worsening climate emergency;

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Therefore, be it resolved that the TDSB renew its commitment to responding to climate change by including climate action as a high priority budget driver in the 2023-24 budget.

### **Part B: Staff Supplementary Information**

At its February 7, 2023 meeting, ESCAC received a presentation on the TDSB's budget process and strategic budget drivers.

At its December 12, 2019 meeting, the TDSB endorsed the City of Toronto's climate emergency declaration and resolved that the Director present a report in the March 2020 cycle of meetings on the Board's action on climate literacy and facility operations in addressing climate change. Since that time, staff have subsequently presented two annual reports on climate action in 2021 and 2022.

**Report Submitted by:** Richard Christie

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