



Revised Barbecue (BBQ) Safety Procedure (PR686)

To: Governance and Policy Committee

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Strategic Directions

- Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships Within School Communities to Support Student Learning and Well-Being
- Embed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in policies, bylaws and Board governance structures

Recommendation

It is recommended that the revised Barbecue (BBQ) Safety Procedure (PR686), as presented in this report, be received for information.

Context

The Barbecue Safety Procedure (see Appendix A) (current version) was last reviewed on May 27, 2002.

The Barbecue Safety Procedure (PR686) (the “Procedure”) was developed to support the health and safety of TDSB students, volunteers, employees, and school community members during fundraising, celebrations, community-building, or other school activities and Board events involving the use of a barbecue (BBQ) on Board property.

This Procedure supports the Board’s commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Actions and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation.

This Procedure also supports implementation of the TDSB’s Occupational Health and Safety Policy (P048), Enterprise Risk Management Policy (P101), and Fundraising Policy (P021).

The Revised Barbecue Safety Procedure (PR686) outlines:

- General Requirements
- Barbeque Safety and Operation Requirements
- Restrictions on Charcoal BBQ Use
- Insurance, Incident Reporting and Damage
- Use of Approved Service Providers

A summary of key changes to the Procedure are listed below:

- Schools are prohibited from purchasing BBQs (including propane cylinders) and storing them on Board property
- BBQs must be rented from approved service providers.
- Schools with existing BBQs, whether purchased or donated, must have the condition of the BBQ (including propane cylinders) inspected annually to ensure its safe operation.
- Due to safety concerns and liability, the use of borrowed BBQs from members of the school community is not allowed.
- BBQs may be operated on Board property by a Board-approved service provider, TDSB employee or TDSB community member (as defined in section 3.0) who maintains an industry recognized safe food handling certification.
- Permit holders are not allowed to operate BBQs on Board Property.
- BBQs may be operated on Board property by a tenant, if authorized by the site supervisor/school principal and the operator has an industry recognized safe food handling certification.
- The site supervisor/school principal is responsible for confirming that that the BBQ operator has the appropriate food handling certification.
- Use of charcoal barbeques is permitted through a Board-approved service provider only.

The revised Barbecue Safety Procedure (PR686) will be in effect for September 2024. Communications about the revised Procedure coming into effect and best practice system messaging for the 2024 barbecue season will be rolled out in early Spring 2024.

The Barbecue Safety (PR686) Procedure (see Appendix B) was approved by Executive Council on February 27, 2024 and is being provided to Committee for information.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

Subject to the Governance and Policy Committee's receipt, the Procedure will be provided to the Board of Trustees on April 17, 2024 for information. The revised Procedure will be in effect for the 2024/2025 school year, beginning September 1, 2024.

Resource Implications

Not applicable

Communications Considerations

The revised Barbecue Safety Procedure (PR686) will be posted on the Board's website and communicated through the System Leaders' Weekly Bulletin. Occupational Health and Safety Department will circulate the Barbecue Safety Procedure (PR686) with best practice information in April/May each year through TDSB Connects and System Leaders' Bulletin.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

- Enterprise Risk Management (P101)
- Fundraising (P021)
- Occupational Health and Safety (P048)

Appendices

- Appendix A: Barbecue Safety Procedure (PR686) – current
- Appendix B: Barbecue Safety Procedure (PR686) – revised (effective September 1, 2024)

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