



Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 10 September 2019

A meeting of the Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee convened on 10 September 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:14 a.m. in Boardroom at 5050 Yonge Street with Co-Chairs Michelle Aarts and Judy Gargaro presiding.

Attendance: Michelle Aarts (Trustee), Judy Gargaro (Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra), Susan Fletcher (SPACE), Sam Glazer (Congregation Beth Haminyan), Mohamed Hassan (Muqdishu Football Club), Alan Hrabinski (Toronto Basketball Association), Dennis Keshinro (Belka Enrichment Centre), Gerry Lang (Citizens For Life Long Learning), Dan MacLean (Trustee), Lynn Manning (Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council), Heather Mitchell (Toronto Sports Council), Patrick Rutledge (Big League Book Club), Alex Viliansky (Felix Swim School), Jonathan Wood (Toronto Accessible Sports Council)

Also present were TDSB Staff: Shirley Adderley (Manager Facility Issues & System Liaison), Ugonma Ekeanyanwu (Acting Facility Permitting Team Leader), Ndaba Njobo (Acting Facility Permitting Coordinator), Chris Ricketts (Pool Support), Steve Shaw (Executive Officer), Tracy Vallant (Executive Assistant)

The following participated by electronic means: Dennis Keshinro (Belka Enrichment Centre)

Regrets: Abdirahim Ali Rage (Muqdishu Soccer Club), Doug Blair (North Toronto Soccer Club), Susanne Burkhardt (Applegrove Community Complex), John Long (Senior Manager, Plant Operations & Community Use), Dave McNee (Quantum Sports and Learning Association), Chris Moise (Trustee), Louie Papathanasakis (Superintendent), Zakir Patel (Trustee), Luetasha Watkins (The Learning Enrichment Foundation)

Part A: Recommendations

Nil

Part B: For Information Only

The Community Use of Schools department has been closed due to the elimination of Provincial funding and staff have been reassigned. The Permit Unit is still in operation and continues to issue permits to community groups.

TDSB is looking for a way to support no cost permits in priority neighbourhoods but in order to reinforce that this is a TDSB program, this program will not be called Priority Schools Initiative (PSI). As per the Board approvals, the program will offer no cost permits to eligible groups, provided there are no additional costs to the TDSB. There will be support for former PSI programs to run Monday to Friday, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. as long as there is caretaking allocation at the school. No cost permits are not available on weekends as weekend permits incur additional costs.

Organizations who received PSI funding in the past would be able to have priority access to the school space they previously permitted. Staff confirmed that former PSI permit holders were offered first choice in being located once existing former PSI permit renewals were processed.

The Committee members discussed individual groups approaching the Province to advocate for restoration of funding from either the Province or the City.

Staff confirmed there has been no increase to permit fees other than the yearly cost of living increase.

CUSCAC Annual General Meeting will be on November 26, registration begins at 6:00 p.m. and meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

The new Senior Team structure was shared with the membership.

Mary Hynes has resigned from the membership who was representing the Seniors in Category Year A; Gerry Lang who was the alternate has become the permanent member.

Membership has opted to continue not to have any refreshments at their monthly meetings due to the declining budget situation however the Annual General Meeting will have light refreshments only.

Federal Election Day is on October 21, 2019 any permit groups that are impacted have already been notified and accommodated elsewhere. The Federal Government pays the standard facility fee for their permits which is standard across the country and any caretaking overtime charges.

Part C: Ongoing Matters

Committee members are requesting the following information - permit (PSI) usage data for 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and current –October – Number of Permits, Number of Permit Hours, Number of Organizations.

Committee members also requested the number of permits Focus on Youth (FOY) Program; staff who sit on CUSCAC is not able to provide this data as this program responsibility of Continuing Education Department, however we will request staff who have this information to attend a future meeting to discuss.

Report Submitted by: Steve Shaw