

**Written Notice of Motion for Consideration as Emergency Business (Trustees Aarts and MacLean)**

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In accordance with the Board's bylaws, emergency business is defined as:

a situation, or the threat of a situation, adversely affecting health, safety and/or well-being, or resulting in significant legal risk or financial damage or loss, which by its nature and seriousness requires an immediate response...

Further,

5.12.7 A matter not on the agenda or directly related to matters arising from discussion cannot be introduced by a trustee at a Board or Committee meeting, or after the notice of agenda has been circulated to members, unless the item qualifies as emergency business and is confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

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**Supporting Non-Profit Community Program Partners**

Trustees Aarts and MacLean have submitted the following as a matter of urgency and for consideration as emergency business.

Therefore, be it resolved:

A. That the following matter be deemed as emergency business;

and, if approved (requires a two-thirds majority vote of the members present to be considered);

B. That the following be considered:

Whereas, the TDSB supports and encourages community programming, including low-cost and free programming, in our facilities through the Community Use of Schools subsidy (3760 permits in 2018/19) and the Local Neighbourhood Support Program (241 permits this year); and

Whereas, this programming is important for school-community connections and for supporting well-being for youth, seniors, and families; and

Whereas, low cost or free programs, such as after-school programs, March-break, and summer camps, are especially important supports for our highest needs communities and much of this programming depends on not-for-profit businesses who run and subsidize the programs; and

Whereas, the current, Covid-19 school closures, and foreseeable changes to building access and social distancing, are having negative impacts on the ability of community agencies and program partners to maintain their businesses; and

Whereas, many not-for-profits do not qualify for Provincial and Federal Covid-related loans or grants as they are neither incorporated businesses or registered charities and are also experiencing a significant reduction in donations; and

Whereas, the TDSB and other school boards stand to lose significant community supports from not-for-profit partners and programs if their not-for-profit partners disappear, which will negatively impact our school communities;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Chair write to the Ministry of Education, and other appropriate Provincial and Federal Ministries, to advocate for financial support for not-for-profit businesses that run community programming in our schools to bridge the current school closures and mitigate foreseeable increased program costs that will be needed to accommodate social distancing once schools reopen;
- (b) The Director review what changes will be needed to support programming by existing not-for-profit permit holders through recovery from Covid-19 and present an update to the Board at the earliest possible convenience on the new permit conditions/expectations for permit holders that might impact permit holder cost or operating conditions (e.g. limits on program size, PPE, fees, etc), and on the impacts of Covid-19 on the status or numbers of the TDSB's existing fee-subsidy programs and program partners (e.g. change in number or types of programs, loss of partners).