

Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustees Aarts and MacLean)

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In accordance with Board Bylaw 5.15.2, notice of the following motion was provided at the Committee of the Whole (Special Meeting) on June 2, 2020 and is therefore submitted for consideration at this time.

5.15.2 A notice of motion will be introduced by a member who is present as an advance notification of a matter to be considered at a subsequent Board or Committee meeting. A notice of motion will not be debated at the meeting at which it is introduced...

5.15.2 (c) A notice of motion submitted prior to, or at a committee meeting, will be considered at a subsequent committee meeting....

Supporting Non-Profit Community Program Partners

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 busi-

nesses 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).