Written Notice of Motion for Consideration (Trustee Donaldson, on behalf of Student Trustee Deng and Trustee Laskin)

From: Denise Joseph-Dowers, Manager, Board Services, Governance and Board Services

In accordance with Board Bylaw 5.15.2, notice of the following motion was provided at the regular meeting of the Board on May 27, 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…
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> 5.15.2 (c) A notice of motion submitted prior to, or at a committee meeting, will be considered at a subsequent committee meeting…

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Sale of Vaping Products to Teenagers

Whereas, as of October 11, 2019, there were 1,299 confirmed cases of vape-related lung injuries in the United States; and

Whereas, after Finland raised the minimum smoking age and implemented a policy requiring tobacco retailers to develop and execute a plan to prevent sales to under-aged consumers, smoking decreased drastically in people aged 14 to 16; and

Whereas vaping among 16-19 year olds increased by 79% from 2017 to 2018 due to major tobacco companies heavily advertising e-cigarettes after Bill S-5, which legalized nicotine e-cigarettes; and

Whereas, teenagers who use e-cigarettes with nicotine may become addicted and are more likely to become smokers; and

Whereas, the Canadian Cancer Society urges the province to increase the minimum age to purchase both tobacco and vaping products to 21; and

Whereas, 16 US states have already raised the minimum age to purchase vape products to 21; and

Whereas, the nicotine in vape products can significantly alter youth brain development, memory, and concentration in youth; and

Whereas, in Canada, as of February 18, 2020, 18 cases of vaping-associated lung illness have been reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada from Alberta (1), British Columbia (4), New Brunswick (2), Newfoundland and Labrador (1), Ontario (4), and Quebec (6), and fourteen of these people required admission to a hospital; and

Whereas, vape advertisements purposefully target teenagers and hide its harmful effects;

Therefore, be it resolved:

a) That the Chair write to the Minister of Health to:

   i. advocate for raising the minimum age to buy vape products containing nicotine from 19 to 21 years;

   ii. urge vape companies to restrict advertising campaigns that are targeted towards teenagers;

b) That the Ontario Public School Boards' Association and the Ontario Student Trustees' Association be copied on the letter at Part (a) above.