



Planning and Priorities Committee

Report No. 05

PPC:005A

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Electronic Meeting

Members Present	Trustees Alexander Brown (Chair), Michelle Aarts, Rachel Chernos Lin, Stephanie Donaldson, Trixie Doyle, Harpreet Gill, Parthi Kandavel, Shelley Laskin, James Li, Dan MacLean, Christopher Mammoliti, Chris Moise, Zakir Patel, Robin Pilkey, Yalini Rajakulasingam, David Smith, Jennifer Story, Chris Tonks, Manna Wong and Student Trustee Firdaus Shallo.
Regrets	Trustees Alexandra Lulka and Anu Sriskandarajah Trustees participated by electronic means in accordance with amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings

PART A: Committee Recommendations

1. Timelines for the Administrative Space Review [4017]

The Committee considered a report from staff (see PPC:005A, page 1) presenting timelines for the review of administrative, maintenance, garage and warehouse space.

Moved by: Trustee Pilkey

Seconded by: Trustee Kandavel

The Planning and Priorities Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the timelines for the administrative space review, as presented in the report, as amended, be approved.

Carried

At the Committee meeting, on amendment of Trustee Pilkey, seconded by Trustee Kandavel, the timeline for Item 17 on the Administrative Space Plan and Item 14 on the Maintenance Centres, Garages and Warehouse Space Plan was changed from January 2023 to fall 2022.

PART B: Information Only

2. Call to Order and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

A meeting of the Planning and Priorities Committee was convened electronically on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 from 4:30 to 5:29 p.m. with Alexander Brown presiding.

3. Approval of the Agenda

On motion of Trustee Chernos Lin, seconded by Trustee Smith, the agenda was approved, as amended.

4. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

No matters to report

5. Delegations

No matters to report.

6. Report From Trustees Appointed to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association

The Committee heard an oral update from Trustees Donaldson, Laskin and Aarts on the activities of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA), including the following:

- OPSBA Public Education Symposium will take place on January 28, 2021.
Trustees and Directors of Education are invited to attend.
- OPSBA Speaker and Professional Development Series will take place every second Thursday from February to May.
- Phase two of OPSBA governance review is underway and is expected to be completed by the Annual General Meeting in 2022.
- On January 25, the Human Rights Program for Trustees professional learning opportunity took place.

- OPSBA has submitted its recommendations to the Ministry of Education on Grants for Student Needs education funding plans for 2021-22
- OPSBA is currently working on a discussion paper on learning and teaching in a digital age, which will study themes of public education in a pandemic

7. Matters Not Considered

The Committee did not consider the following notice of motion for consideration from Trustees Story and Tonks, as they indicated their intention to withdraw the matter before it was put on the floor:

Procurement of External Legal Counsel to Support the Director Search Committee

Be it resolved:

- (a) That the Board secure the services of external legal counsel to support the Board and the Director Search committee in the process of recommending and hiring a new Director of Education;
- (b) That the external legal counsel secured by the Board in accordance with part (a) be present at all future meetings of the DSC, in order to support the work of the DSC, and also be present at any meetings of the Board where any report(s) of the DSC are under consideration;
- (c) That the external legal counsel secured by the Board in accordance with part (a) have requisite expertise ideally in the areas of public sector governance and employment law;
- (d) That the external legal counsel secured by the Board in accordance with part (a) be the designated delegate of the Director in her capacity as Secretary of the Board;
- (e) That costs to cover the implementation of the proposal at parts (a) to (c) be changed to the Governance budget;
- (f) That the Director report back to the next meeting of Board to provide information on the person contracted by the Board in accordance with part (a)

8. Adjournment

On motion of Trustee Laskin, seconded by Trustee Smith, the meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

PART C: Ongoing Matters

No matters to report

Submitted by: Alexander Brown, Committee Chair