



**Name of Committee:** Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** 11 May 2021

A meeting of the Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee convened on 11 March 2021 from 8:01 a.m. to 9:25 a.m. via Zoom with Co-Chairs Michelle Aarts and Judy Gargaro presiding.

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**Attendance via Zoom:** **Michelle Aarts** (Trustee), **Judy Gargaro** (Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra), **Dan MacLean** (Trustee), **Lynn Manning** (Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council), **Heather Mitchell** (Toronto Sports Council), **Patrick Rutledge** (Big League Book Club), **Susan Fletcher** (SPACE), **Alan Hrabinski** (Toronto Basketball Association), **Sara Somerset** (Jack of Sports), **Graham Welsh** (Toronto Sports Social Club), **Dave McNee** (Quantum Sports and Learning Association), **Dennis Keshinro** (Belka Enrichment Centre).

Also present were TDSB Staff: **Maia Puccetti** (Executive Officer, Facilities & Planning), **Ugonma Ekeanyanwu** (Acting Facility Permitting Team Leader), **Ndaba Njobo** (Facility Permitting Coordinator), **Shirley Adderley** (Manager, Facilities Issues & System Liaison), **Jonathan Grove** (Interim Senior Manager, Plant Operations), **Meenu Jhamb** (Administrative Assistant), **Tina Androutsos** (Executive Assistant, TDSB).

**Guests:** **Elizabeth Lukie** (Hutt Piano Class), **Terrance Philips** (Phillips Basketball Academy), **David Smith** (Trustee), **Emily Langer** (Young People's Theatre), **Aina Favour** (York University Student).

**Regrets:** **Sam Glazer** (Congregation Beth Haminyan), **Narni Santos** (The Learning Enrichment Foundation), **Ralph Nigro** (TSAA), **Gerry Lang** (Citizens For Life Long Learning), **Doug Blair** (North Toronto Soccer Club).

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## **Part A: Recommendations**

None

## **Part B: For Information Only**

### Update on Permit Use

Staff provided an update - permits have been cancelled until the end of June, given that the provincial Stay-at-Home order is in place to at least June 3<sup>rd</sup> and typically school-year permits do not extend beyond mid-June. The issuance of permits for field use is also on hold pending further direction from the province and Toronto Public Health (TPH). Staff responded to a question regarding the no-charge permits that are provided to the 44 Local Neighbourhood Support Programs (LNSP) schools – the issue is if summer camps are permitted by TPH and what are the health and safety requirements for these camps.

Staff also spoke about planning for a gradual, phased return of community use of schools starting in the fall, after school resumes – subject to direction from TPH. Staff in the Permit department would be able to activate this plan within a week's notice from TPH. Outdoor use of fields may also be approved after June 3. Staff will provide an update at the next CUSCAC meeting.

## **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

### Onboarding for New Committee Members

Co-chair Gargaro provided an update that this work continues, including work to update the CUSCAC web page information and provide some information regarding acronyms used for Board meetings/events. CUSCAC members requested that we make sure that there be generic language and that accessibility is addressed.

### Focus on Youth Update

Staff confirmed that there will be FOY students hired by Facility Services in the summer, to assist with caretaking. It was confirmed that summer school will be virtual this summer. Other TDSB departments may also be hiring FOY students but not clear if the work will be in-person or virtual. Trustee Aarts mentioned that there will be an update on Focus on Youth presented at the May 12 Facilities Business Enrolment Committee (FBEC) meeting. CUSCAC members had concerns that there was not enough time to plan if

community groups were to have access to FOY students. There was a further concern about the cost of permits if there was not support from Continuing Ed through FOY.

### Trustee Report

Trustee Aarts provided further information regarding the Focus on Youth (FOY) funding. \$3.08M FOY funding has been approved for 2021/2022 however the Priority Schools Initiative (PSI) funding, a portion of which was used to support FOY programs, still remains eliminated. More information will be provided at the May 12 FBEC. Staff from Continuing Education who oversee the Focus on Youth program will be invited to provide an update at the next CUSCAC meeting in June.

Trustee Aarts also provided an update that the Ministry is directing school boards to plan for return to school in September - very little additional pandemic-support funding will be provided. The Board has been advocating for vaccination of students and staff before the start of school in September.

### Other Business

As all the Community Advisory Committee meetings stop over the summer, there was some discussion as to how gather feedback from CUSCAC in time for a possible September return of permitting schools. Executive Officer Puccetti suggested that staff could present the plan for the gradual permitting of schools at the next CUSCAC meeting in June. And the Permits department can also send an update email to all permit holders in mid-August.

Also, representatives from SPACE Coalition are working on a briefing note to send to the Minister, regarding the value and importance of community use of schools, and the role of the community advisory committee.

**Report Submitted By: Maia Puccetti**

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