



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

**Meeting Date:** 14 September 2021

A meeting of the Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee convened on 14 September 2021 from 8:02 a.m. to 9:39 a.m. via Zoom with Co-Chairs Michelle Aarts and Judy Gargaro presiding.

<p><b>Attendance via Zoom:</b></p>	<p><b>Michelle Aarts</b> (Trustee), <b>Judy Gargaro</b> (Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra), <b>Dan MacLean</b> (Trustee), <b>Heather Mitchell</b> (Toronto Sports Council), <b>Patrick Rutledge</b> (Big League Book Club), <b>Alan Hrabinski</b> (Toronto Basketball Association), <b>Sara Somerset</b> (Jack of Sports), <b>Graham Welsh</b> (Toronto Sports Social Club), <b>Sam Glazer</b> (Congregation Beth Haminyan), <b>Dave McNee</b> (Quantum Sports and Learning Association), <b>Narni Santos</b> (The Learning Enrichment Foundation), <b>Jonathan Wood</b> (Toronto Accessible Sports Council), <b>Alex Viliansky</b> (Felix Swim School) .</p> <p>Also present were TDSB Staff: <b>Maia Puccetti</b> (Executive Officer, Facilities &amp; Planning), <b>Tina Androutsos</b> (Executive Assistant, Facilities &amp; Planning), <b>Ugonma Ekeanyanwu</b> (Acting Facility Permitting Team Leader), <b>Ndaba Njobo</b> (Facility Permitting Coordinator), <b>Shirley Adderley</b> (Manager, Facilities Issues &amp; System Liaison), <b>Jonathan Grove</b> (Senior Manager, Plant Operations), <b>Meenu Jhamb</b> (Administrative Assistant).</p>
<p><b>Guests:</b></p> <p><b>Regrets:</b></p>	<p><b>Elizabeth Lukie</b> (Hutt Piano Class), <b>Doug Blair</b> (North Toronto Soccer Club), <b>Terrance Philips and Mark Thom</b> (Phillips Basketball Academy), <b>Emily Langer</b> (Young People’s Theatre).</p> <p><b>Lynn Manning</b> (Girl Guides of Canada, Ontario Council), <b>Susan Fletcher</b> (SPACE), <b>Dennis Keshinro</b> (Belka Enrichment Centre), <b>Narni Santos</b> (The Learning Enrichment Foundation), <b>Ralph Nigro</b> (TSAA).</p>

**Part A: Recommendations**

None

**Part B: For Information Only**

Update on Permit Use

Staff presented the plan for the gradual return of community use of schools, for indoor permits. This information had previously been sent by email letter to all Community Use of Schools permit applicants on September 8, 2021 and included the following details regarding the resumption schedule:

<b>Permit Group</b>	<b>Resumption Date</b>
Leaseholders, Before & Afterschool programs including City ARC	Thursday, September 9
All Swimming Pool Permits	Monday, September 13
Weekend Community Permits (Saturday & Sunday)	Saturday, October 16
Weekday Community Permits (Monday – Friday)	To be decided

Indoor Spaces to be made available to communities include:

1. Gymnasiums/ General Purpose Rooms
2. Auditoriums
3. Cafeteria/Cafeteriums
4. Swimming pools

Two (2) permits will be issued per week-end day (with at least a 2-hour gap between permits) to allow for enhanced cleaning. If the organization decides to have the gymnasium used by various teams/cohorts, they will be responsible for cleaning between their cohorts.

CUS (Community Use of Schools) permit hours on Saturday are from 8 am to 6 pm. CUS hours on Sunday are from 8 am to 3 pm. Activities must be in compliance with the Provincial and Toronto Public Health COVID guidelines.

Staff were asked if CUS (Community Use of Schools) permits could start and include Friday evenings. Staff responded that there would need to be sufficient time for caretakers to complete enhanced cleaning between school-based activities and the start of the CUS permit, as well as sufficient time to clean at the end of Friday, for the next permit group starting Saturday morning. This is something that could be considered for the next phase of CUS (Community Use of Schools) permit access. There has been no date set at this time for the return of CUS (Community Use of Schools) permits for weekdays.

Staff responded to questions regarding some of the safety protocols that will be in place - such as having designated entrances/washrooms/change rooms for permit users. There will be a clear separation between the swimming pool permit users and gymnasium permit holders in terms of designated entrance/exit doors, washrooms and change rooms. Outdoor field permits do not have access to spaces within the building.

Each permit will contain information regarding the safety requirements for the permit holders, reflecting the most current information from Toronto Public Health. Permit holders will be required to provide the Permits department with a copy of their organization's safety protocols. The Permits department has shared the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation safety protocols as a guideline to assist permit applicants. Each permit group will be responsible for creating and maintaining the list of participants, for contact tracing purposes, if required. All participants must wear a mask upon entering the building, in hallways and washrooms.

Staff will seek further information and updates from Toronto Public Health regarding changes to indoor occupancy capacities, other uses in the building with multiple permit holders and return of events that include audiences.

#### Local Neighbourhood Support Programs (LNSP)

As in previous years, prior to the pandemic, the Board intends to accommodate LNSP Community Permits at 44 schools. Currently, there are no weekend permits issued for LNSP.

CUSCAC members asked that staff from Continuing Education could be invited to the next meeting, to provide an update on the summer's Focus on Youth (FOY) program.

#### **Trustee Update:**

Trustee Aarts shared with CUSCAC that the Board's Vaccination Procedure will be presented later this evening, at the September 14 Planning and Priorities Committee meeting. She also shared that TPH (Toronto Public Health) has recommended that school boards delay the return of extra-curricular activities in schools until later in fall.

Trustee MacLean provided an update regarding the use of 120 schools for the upcoming federal election as polling locations. He explained that prior to the pandemic, approximately 300 TDSB schools would have been used as polling locations.

### **Part C: Ongoing Matters**

Update from CUSCAC member Heather Mitchell, from Toronto Sports Council, on a report they are preparing to submit to the Ministry of Education regarding the importance and benefits of Priority Schools Initiative (PSI) funding. She would like to present the report at the next CUSCAC meeting.

**Report Submitted By:** Maia Puccetti