



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Update on Child Care Projects with the Toronto District School Board

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| To: | Community Development and Recreation |
| From: | General Manager, Children's Services |
| Wards: | 1, 31 and 39 |
| Reference Number: | |

SUMMARY

This report seeks authority to reduce the number of child care projects that are being developed with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) from three to two.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- (1) the number of child care projects being developed with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) be reduced from three new child care centres to two new child care centres by removing the Kennedy Public School.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This report has no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

The Best Start Service and Transition Infrastructure Plan was approved by City Council on October 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2005, in the staff recommendations in the recommendations section of the Policy and Finance Committee Report 9, Clause 21, <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2005/agendas/council/cc051026/pof9rpt/cl021.pdf>

At its meeting of March 31, 2008 (Special) City Council approved EX 18.1, 2008 recommendation in the report entitled "Development of Child Care Centres with the Toronto District School Boards and Native Child and Family Services".
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/cc/decisions/2008-03-31-cc18-dd.pdf>
http://www.toronto.ca/children/pdf/capitalprojects_tdsb_native.pdf

ISSUE BACKGROUND

After careful review of the capacity of the existing site and in consultation with the Division, the TDSB has determined that it will not proceed with the creation of a child care centre at Kennedy Public School, however, plans to proceed with the other two sites, Highfield Junior School and Crescent Town Elementary School. Architectural design has been completed for the remaining two projects and initial costing suggests that the projects will absorb the \$2 million approved for this purpose.

COMMENTS

The TDSB has determined that it will not proceed with the construction of a child care centre at the Kennedy Public School so that there are now just two sites instead of the original three. The cost estimates based on the architectural design and current construction costs suggest that the remaining two sites will absorb the funds budgeted for this project.

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