
City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION

MM35.6	ACTION			Ward: All
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Working in Partnership with the Toronto District School Board, Aquatics Working Group and Other Stakeholders to Find Long-term Funding Solution for TDSB Pools in Need of Viable Revenue Source - Councillor Stintz, seconded by Councillor Ootes

•Notice of this Motion has been given.

•This Motion is subject to referral to the Community Development and Recreation Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.

Recommendations

Councillor Stintz, seconded by Councillor Ootes, recommends:

1. That the City of Toronto agree to work collaboratively with the Aquatics Working Group, the Toronto District School Board, the Province and other stakeholders, within the two month timeframe of the TDSB, to find a funding solution for the TDSB pools that are in need of a viable revenue source for operations.

Summary

In response to recommendations from the Aquatics Working Group (AWG) report and an overwhelming concern expressed by Toronto residents, the Province of Ontario announced on April 21, 2009 that it would provide capital funding to rehabilitate 39 Toronto District School Board (TDSB) pools, slated to close in June, 2009. Provincial funding however, will only be provided to pools that have a long-term operational funding solution in place.

Of the 39 pools under consideration, 13 pools generate 70% to 100% of their operating costs through permit fees and other revenue sources.

At the April 22, 2009 meeting of the TDSB, it was unanimously decided to provide operational funding for these 13 pools and finance the remaining pools for two months in order engage in discussions to find a long-term funding solution.

In recognition that the TDSB and the City of Toronto share a common constituency; the historical involvement of the City in building school pools; and, that these assets support

programming by the school board and the City, the TDSB also moved following motion:

“That the report of the AWG be returned to the City of Toronto and that the City of Toronto be invited to work collaboratively with AWG and the TDSB to find long-term funding solutions for the TDSB pools that are in need of a viable revenue source for operations.”

(Submitted to City Council on April 29, 2009 as MM35.6)