
City Council

Notice of Motion

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| MM8.5 | ACTION | | | Ward: 33 |
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The Purchase of Appian Centre (44 Appian Drive) for Use as a Community Hub - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Government Management Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Janet Davis, recommends that:

1. City Council express an interest under *Ontario Regulation 444/98, Disposition of Real Property* in purchasing 44 Appian Drive for the purposes of creating a community hub and request the City Manager to report to the Government Management Committee outlining the business case and revenue potential in continuing to lease the site to the current tenants, The Prestige School, while ensuring local community use of space.

Summary

At its meeting on February 9, 2011, the Toronto District School Board declared the school located at 44 Appian Drive to be surplus and no longer required. This property is currently up for sale and is being circulated as per *Ontario Regulation 444/98, Disposition of Real Property*.

The school that was built at 44 Appian Drive is literally the centre of this community. With only one point of access and egress for residents, it is geographically cut off from surrounding neighbourhoods. Within the community, there is a complete lack of sheltered public space and unsheltered park/play space other than the surplus school and its yard.

The attached map serves as a visual reference of the area. As you will see, there is no other school, no church, no place to hold a ratepayers' meeting, no place to provide an election poll and no other recreational park space. While the East Don Parkland borders this community to the west and south, the terrain slopes steeply down towards the Don River and cannot be used in the same manner as a park.

Given that this property contains the only useable parkland in this community as well as available indoor public spaces, it would be of great benefit to the community for the City to express an interest in purchasing the site for use as a community hub. The Prestige School has been the longtime principal tenant at 44 Appian Drive and had expressed a desire to stay at this

location. Consequently, should the City purchase the property with the intent to use it as a community hub, it would likely be a feasible option to extend an offer to the Prestige School to remain as a tenant and act as a source of revenue generation for the City.

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