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Office of the Chair of the Board

July 6, 2015

Sent via Email

Mayor John Tory and Members of Council
City of Toronto
City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attention: Marilyn Toft, Council Secretariat

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

**Re: Acquisition of a Portion of 12 Bannockburn Avenue – Executive Committee
Item No. EX7.1**

We are writing with respect to the June 30, 2015 Executive Committee recommendations regarding the City of Toronto acquisition of a portion of 12 Bannockburn Avenue from the Toronto District School Board (Item No. EX7.1), which will be considered during the July 7, 2015 session of City Council.

The 2.13 acre subject property was declared surplus to the needs of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) at its meeting of June 19 2013, and offers to purchase the property in compliance with *Ontario Regulation 444/98* had to be submitted no later than February 13, 2014. The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), a coterminous school board with a higher order of priority ranking than the City of Toronto under the *Regulation*, submitted a compliant offer to purchase the property for school purposes within the required timeframe. To date, the TCDSB has yet to receive a formal response from the Toronto Lands Corporation to its compliant offer.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board remains interested in acquiring the subject property to meet its student accommodation needs. The TCDSB is of the opinion that the City of Toronto acquisition of a portion of this site is premature, and cannot proceed as the Toronto District School Board has not met its requirements under *Ontario Regulation 444/98* to address the compliant offer and negotiate the sale of the property with the TCDSB.

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The TCDSB will consider partnerships with the City, TDSB, and other organizations to ensure that all students and future generations have a new home, and the community continues to have much needed green space in the neighbourhood. We look forward to the opportunities and possibilities.

We thank City Council for its consideration of this time-sensitive matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Del Grande". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Del Grande" clearly distinguishable.

Michael Del Grande
Chair of the Board

Cc: Councillor Christin Carmichael Greb, Ward 16 Eglinton-Lawrence
Trustee Maria Rizzo, Ward 5 Toronto Catholic District School Board
Gabriel Sékaly, Ministry of Education
Angela Gauthier, Toronto Catholic District School Board
Donna Quan, Toronto District School Board
Darryl Sage, Toronto Lands Corporation