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**VIA EMAIL ONLY: [pgmc@toronto.ca](mailto:pgmc@toronto.ca)**

Attention: Nancy Martin

Chair and Members

Planning and Growth Management Committee

10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall

100 Queen Street West

Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Re: Request for Directions Report for Development Applications for  
1150 & 1155 Eglinton Avenue East and 844 Don Mills Road  
PGM Committee, Item PG30.7, Ward 26**

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has had an opportunity to meet with staff from the City's Planning Department and consider the proposed significant development intensification in the vicinity of Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue East.

During these discussions, the TDSB advised that schools located both north and south of Eglinton Avenue East are already in excess of their capacities and a bussing regime has been put in place whereby portions of the area have been redirected to other schools with available space. These existing pressures will be exacerbated by future intensification resulting from this proposed development and others in the area.

Recently, the TDSB completed an accommodation study that examined opportunities to accommodate future students at existing schools north of Eglinton Avenue in the community of Don Mills. This study concluded that TDSB lands situated to the north of Celestica are of a suitable size to accommodate future additions and/or replacement schools over the long-term. These sites can also accommodate portables in the interim until a critical mass of students is in hand to support a capital project. On March 21, 2018, the Board of Trustees approved that the Celestica lands be assigned to Greenland PS (JK-6) and Don Mills MS (Grade 6-8), given the distance to Greenland PS the majority of students will require bussing.

The development of the Celestica site appears to be the first significant step in the evolution of the Don Mills – Eglinton intersection to a high density mixed use community. The TDSB view that school facility should be embedded in the area they serve, as part of a complete community. To this end, the TDSB seeks to have the City and Diamond Corp. as the applicant

and owner of the Subject Lands, recognize the challenges faced by the TDSB in accommodating existing and future students within the Eglinton Avenue East/Don Mills community.

The TDSB would like to continue to work collaboratively with the the City and extend the dialogue to include Diamond Corp. to explore potential future opportunities to protect, enhance and manage existing and future school requirements through the phased development of the Subject Lands at 1150 Eglinton Avenue East & 844 Don Mills Road.

The TDSB looks forward to meaningful discussions with the City and Diamond Corp. to realize the shared vision for a thriving mixed use community of integrated residential and employment uses supported by local and accessible community schools and services anchored by the proposed development at Eglinton Street East and Don Mills Road.

The main contact for the TDSB on this matter is Daniel Castaldo, Senior Manager, Planning, Strategy and Planning who can be reached at (416) 338-4471 or [daniel.castaldo@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:daniel.castaldo@tdsb.on.ca).

Kind Regards,



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