

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM28.14	ACTION			Ward:31
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Potential Toronto District School Board School Closures - by Councillor Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Norm Kelly

** 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 Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Norm Kelly, recommends that:

1. City Council request Deputy City Manager, Cluster A undertake discussions with the Toronto District School and the Toronto Lands Corporation, and other appropriate parties, regarding the potential closure of Victoria Park Elementary School and Parkside Elementary School and report to the Community Development and Recreation Committee on potential City interest in the use of these schools for such uses as child care, recreation and other community services, consistent with the "School Lands Property Acquisition Framework and Funding Strategy".

Summary

As part of its *Better Schools Brighter Futures* program, the Toronto District School Board has established Pupil Accommodation Review Committees (PARC) in neighbourhoods across the City. These local PARCs were formed to investigate clusters of schools in geographic proximity and consider redistribution and cost saving options including the possible closure or amalgamation of school sites.

This year, two PARCs were undertaken in Ward 31. The PARC committees and TDSB staff recommendations arising from the reviews are considering the closure of Parkside Elementary School and Victoria Park Elementary School.

Parkside Elementary School is embedded on the edge of a park, immediately adjacent to a City recreation facility at Stan Wadlow Park. Toronto Children's Services operates a municipal child care centre in the school and a City-operated After School Recreation and Care Program is next door. Victoria Park Public School has a child care centre located in it and provides much needed green space for the neighbourhood.

City Council, on August 25, 2010, adopted the "School Lands Property Acquisition Framework and Funding Strategy." The strategy identifies a process, criteria and funding source for

potential acquisitions of school lands that have or are going to be made surplus to the school board's needs. This motion is seeking a preliminary report on two schools that are under consideration for closure in 2013.

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Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM28.14