
City Council

Motion without Notice

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Midland/Lawrence Toronto District School Board/Toronto Lands Corporation applications (Rezoning and Subdivision Applications No. 13 218652 ESC 37 OZ and 13 218659 ESC 37 SB and Site Plan Application 13 189360 ESC 37 SA) - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division to undertake further consultations with the local community with regards to the current Toronto District School Board/Toronto Lands Corporation planning applications on file, noted below, and report to the Scarborough Community Council in 2015 on the results of the community consultations prior to proceeding with site plan approval for the new secondary school and prior to scheduling a Statutory Public Meeting for the proposed residential subdivision on the Bendale Business and Technical Institute school site.

Summary

Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC) staff advised City staff on May 6, 2014 that the French Public School Board is no longer interested in purchasing the David and Mary Thomson school site which was declared surplus by the TDSB. This decision will affect TDSB's overall masterplan for their lands in the northwest quadrant of Midland and Lawrence which includes a proposed residential subdivision and new secondary school.

City staff have been advised by TDSB/TLC staff that they still intend to proceed with the proposed new Secondary School on an extension of Brockley Drive and the proposed residential subdivision on the Bendale Business and Technical Institute school site.

City staff have been advised by TDSB/TLC staff that with regards to the David and Mary Thomson school site, the TDSB/TLC now plan to place the school lands on the open market where a developer is likely to purchase the site and propose another residential subdivision. The current zoning on the property does not permit residential development, and if a residential subdivision is proposed, rezoning and subdivision applications will be required which will trigger a full community consultation process.

Further community consultation with the local community is warranted regarding the overall masterplan for the Midland/Lawrence TDSB lands given the uncertainty of the future land use of the David and Mary Thomson school site.

This motion is urgent because the Toronto Lands Corporation will be putting the David and Mary Thomson School site up for public sale which would deviate from the original plans presented to the community and would negatively impact the surrounding community. The Toronto Lands Corporation has proposed that an additional 370 to 400 stacked townhouses be built on this site without consulting the community and providing an opportunity to discuss the proposal. It is imperative that additional community consultation take place.

(Submitted to City Council on July 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2014 as MM54.41)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM54.41

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-71381.pdf>