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To: City Council

From: City-School Boards Advisory Committee

Subject: Item HL6.2 - Green City: Why Nature Matters to Health

### **Committee Decision**

**The City-School Boards Advisory Committee expresses support of the Board of Health's recommendations on Green City: Why Nature Matters to Health, Item HL6.2.**

### **Background**

On September 25, 2015, the City-School Boards Advisory Committee considered Item TS2.1 - Provincial Report on Community Hubs (September 9, 2015) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration.

The Committee also considered a communication from the Chair of the Board of Health forwarding the report (September 4, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health titled Green City: Why Nature Matters to Health.

The City-School Boards Advisory Committee also recommended to the Executive Committee, for its meeting on October 20, 2015 that:

1. City Council forward the report (September 9, 2015) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration to the four School Boards operating in Toronto, and if approved, to the Government of Ontario.
2. City Council express its support for the goals and recommendations outlined in Appendix B to the report (September 9, 2015) from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan to the Government of Ontario.
3. City Council encourage the Government of Ontario to implement the recommendations in Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan, with particular reference to the Short Term Strategy for School Property, which ensures the consideration of community and provincial interests when sale of public property is contemplated, offers exemptions to the fair market value requirement for the sale of school properties for community use and

ensures that school boards are made whole through alternative revenue tools if a property is sold at below fair market value for community use.

4. City Council request the Government of Ontario to invite the City of Toronto and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to participate in the upcoming consultations on amendments to Ontario Regulation 444/98 of the Education Act, in light of recommendations set forth in Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan.

5. City Council request the Government of Ontario to invite the City of Toronto and the Toronto school boards to participate in the development of the implementation plan for the recommendations of Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan, including the Short Term Strategy for School Property.

6. City Council request the Government of Ontario to acknowledge the community value of open space surrounding schools and to facilitate community access to surplus land by including school fields and open space within the Short Term Strategy for School Property.

7. City Council request the Government of Ontario to acknowledge that operating schools are important sites for Community Hubs and request the Government of Ontario to include operating schools as potential sites for pilot Community Hubs during the next phase of the Province's Community Hub development process.

8. City Council request the Government of Ontario to acknowledge that School Boards must consider their mandate and mission and also retain the sole jurisdiction and responsibility in approving and managing all tenants or partners that will be based in or connected to a Community Hub in an operating school.

9. City Council request the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, in coordination with the Directors of the four Toronto school boards, to investigate partnership opportunities for Community Hubs that include physical activity facilities for seniors, including active playgrounds.

To view this item and background information online, please visit:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.TS2.1>

Sincerely,



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