



Decision Letter

City-School Boards Advisory Committee

Meeting No.	2	Contact	Nancy Martins, Committee Administrator
Meeting Date	Friday, September 25, 2015	Phone	416-397-4579
Start Time	1:30 PM	E-mail	nmartin@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 2, City Hall	Chair	Councillor Josh Matlow

TS2.1	ACTION	Amended		Ward:All
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Provincial Report on Community Hubs (Pitre Report)

Committee Decision

The City-School Boards Advisory Committee recommends 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.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The City-School Boards Advisory Committee expressed its support of the Board of Health's recommendations on Green City: Why Nature Matters to Health report (September 4, 2015) from the Medical Officer of Health.

Origin

(September 9, 2015) Report from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration

Summary

On August 10, 2015, the Government of Ontario released a report prepared by Karen Pitre, Special Advisor to the Premier on Community Hubs and Chair of the Community Hubs Framework Advisory Group, entitled, Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan (hereafter, "the Report").

A number of recommendations in the Report, if adopted, would enable the City and Toronto school boards to achieve shared and complementary interests in the role of schools in local communities. The recommendations in the Report reflect information and advice submitted by City staff, and are consistent with policy goals expressed by City Council over the past number of years, regarding school lands utilization and disposition.

The Report has received broad support from stakeholders and has been endorsed by the Premier and the Minister of Education

The main findings and recommendations in the Report are summarized below, along with a discussion of implications for the City and for Toronto school boards. The summary and analysis were prepared cooperatively by staff from City of Toronto and the Toronto-based school boards.

Background Information

(September 9, 2015) Report from the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration on the Provincial Report on Community Hubs (Pitre Report)
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ts/bgrd/backgroundfile-83689.pdf>)

Appendix A: Table 1: Barriers/Solutions for Community Hubs, Summarized From

"Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ts/bgrd/backgroundfile-83690.pdf>)

Appendix B: Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ts/bgrd/backgroundfile-83691.pdf>)

Appendix C: Ministry of Education Response to: Community Hubs in Ontario: A Strategic Framework and Action Plan

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ts/bgrd/backgroundfile-83692.pdf>)

Communications

(September 24, 2015) Letter from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair, Board of Health (TS.New.TS2.1.1)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ts/comm/communicationfile-55982.pdf>)

(September 24, 2015) Letter from Luisa Giacometti on behalf of The12 Community Alliance (TS.New.TS2.1.2)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ts/comm/communicationfile-56016.pdf>)

(September 25, 2015) Presentation from Rick Duncan, SaveOurSchoolParks.org (TS.New.TS2.1.3)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ts/comm/communicationfile-56062.pdf>)

(September 25, 2015) Letter from Mary Hynes (TS.New.TS2.1.4)

Speakers

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