



TRANSMITTAL FROM CITY COUNCIL

Schools as Community Assets - A Policy Agenda for the City-School Boards Advisory Committee

Date:	April 14, 2015
To:	City-School Boards Advisory Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	All Wards

City Council Decision

City Council on March 31, April 1 and 2, 2015, adopted as amended Item EX4.4 on Schools as Community Assets - A Policy Agenda for the City-School Boards Advisory Committee.

City Council has directed the City-School Boards Advisory Committee to:

1. prioritize in its 2015-2016 work plan, the development of a new multilateral, consultative relationship for the City of Toronto, the School Boards and the Province of Ontario with respect to schools lands utilization and disposition that:
 - a. takes into consideration the full value of schools as community assets, in addition to their value as educational institutions;
 - b. provides a viable framework for retaining public ownership of former school properties when there is agreement among the parties that the site should be retained;
 - c. identifies alternative funding sources beyond municipal funding to keep schools as community assets;
 - d. recommends changes to the “pupil accommodation” formula and Regulation 444/98 of the Education Act to address issues of common concern related to utilization of school space for education and community use; and
 - e. develops a new model for more coordinated capital and land-use planning; and

2. report back to Executive Committee on these issues by the fourth quarter of 2015 and to also consider compliance with Access for Ontario with Disability Act (AODA) requirements.

Summary

City Council on March 31, April 1 and 2, 2015, adopted as amended Item EX4.4 on Schools as Community Assets - A Policy Agenda for the City-School Boards Advisory Committee.

City Council among other things, has given direction to the City-School Boards Advisory Committee on its 2015-2016 work plan.