



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**2016 Progress Update on the City-School Boards  
Advisory Committee Staff Workplan**

<b>Date:</b>	January 27, 2016
<b>To:</b>	City-School Boards Advisory Committee
<b>From:</b>	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	AFS# 22587

**SUMMARY**

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As directed by City Council, this report provides a progress update on the 2015-2016 interagency staff workplan for the City-School Boards Advisory Committee. The workplan, which focuses on shared city-school board concerns related to the use of school lands and capital funding for school infrastructure, has an aggressive completion timeline. A number of short-term projects have been completed to date and longer-term projects have been initiated on time. The preponderance of work will be completed, as scheduled, during 2016. Currently the Interagency Staff Team has no concerns to report that may delay completion of the workplan. The shared City-School Boards workplan has created a focus for effective interagency staff communication and coordination.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The Executive Director of Social Development, Finance and Administration recommends that:**

- 1) The City-School Boards Advisory Committee approve the 2016 workplan progress update from the Interagency Staff team.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of the recommendation included in this report. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

On November 3 and 4, 2015, City Council approved the 2015-2016 draft staff workplan for the City-School Boards Advisory Committee and requested a report on progress before the end of 2015

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX9.15>

At its meeting on March 31, April 1, and April 2 2015, City Council established the City-School Boards Advisory Committee as an advisory body reporting to City Council through the Executive Committee.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewPublishedReport.do?function=getCouncilMinutesReport&meetingId=9690>

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

City Council has approved a set of policy priorities for the City-School Boards Advisory Committee to pursue during its inaugural year, focused on school lands disposition. At its September 2015 meeting, the Advisory Committee recommended a staff workplan for City Council approval. City Council approved the proposed workplan in November 2015 and since that time the City-School Board Interagency Staff Team have collaborated to execute the approved projects. The 2015-2016 workplan has an aggressive completion schedule. A number of short-term projects have been completed to date, and longer-term projects have been initiated on schedule. The preponderance of work will be completed, as scheduled, during 2016. Currently staff have no concerns to report that may delay projects on the workplan.

## **COMMENTS**

The January 2016 workplan progress report is attached as Appendix A. Completed projects include: a joint request to the Ministry of Education to fund school boards directly for the full cost of space used by early learning, child care and before and after school programs; and City of Toronto participation in recent Ministry of Education consultations concerning Ontario Regulation 444/98. A staff report on the consultations has been submitted to the City-School Boards Advisory Committee.

### **Interagency Staff Cooperation**

The Interagency Staff Team includes executive staff from the Toronto District School Board, the Toronto Catholic District School Board, the Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud and the Conseil Scolaire Viamonde, and the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance, and Administration. This Team meets monthly and communicates regularly to: execute and monitor workplan projects; identify and resolve operational challenges requiring interagency solutions; and identify issues to bring forward to the City-School Boards Advisory Committee for consideration. The workplan has provided a focus for interagency coordination and the working group is proving to be an increasingly effective forum for sharing information and building cooperative working relationships across the organizations.

### **Lead Agencies and Ensuring a Strong Voice for School Boards**

The City of Toronto has lead coordinating responsibility for the majority of actions on the proposed workplan, with the agreement to work in collaboration with school board staff in executing this work. Producing reports and presentations to the City-School Boards Advisory Committee cooperatively will help foster a culture of interagency communication and information sharing among the school boards and the City. To ensure a strong school boards' perspective and voice, it will be important for the school boards to lead or co-lead the development of some core reports.

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### **SIGNATURE**

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: City-School Boards Interagency Staff Team Workplan, 2015-2016