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Year in Review:
City-School Boards Advisory Committee

Overview

- *Refresh*: Committee Function and Mandate
- Decisions and Work Accomplished, 2015-2016
- Achievements
- Recent Work: City Review of 23 TDSB Properties as Community Assets

City-School Boards Advisory Committee: Function (*from* Terms of Reference)

- **A Council Advisory Body:** It may not direct City staff or make binding decisions on the Toronto government. Any advice or recommendations that require formal action or implementation by City of Toronto staff must be considered and approved by City Council.
- **12 Members, 2 Year Terms**
 - 6 Councillors
 - 6 Trustees representing 4 School Boards

City-School Boards Advisory Committee Mandate (*from Terms of Reference*)

“1. The City of Toronto and the local School Boards are partners in serving a shared constituency. The City of Toronto recognizes that schools are an integral part of communities and neighbourhoods and any changes to their physical assets has a considerable effect on local neighbourhoods and city-wide service strategies.

2. The mandate of the City-School Boards Advisory Committee is:

- To provide advice to City Council on the best ways to effectively share information and plan collaboratively to provide opportunities for the City of Toronto and School Boards serving Toronto to maximize resources and minimize negative effects on local communities; and
- To foster coordination of the City and the School Boards' roles in developing a "Made in Toronto" solution to address the local needs of the City, the School Boards and the Province of Ontario as they relate to publicly funded schools and related infrastructure. “

Completed Work in Year 1

1. Amendments to Terms of Reference

2. Staff Workplan re: Barriers to Shared Interests

Barrier 1: Method for Identifying Surplus Schools

Barrier 2: Current Process for Disposition of Surplus Schools

Barrier 3: Alternate Capital Financing Tools (“Made in Toronto Solution”)

3. Recommendations to City Council

4. Recommendations for Additions to the Staff Workplan

re: School Properties and Planning Issues

Barrier	Activity	Completed
Utilization Rate	Request Ontario to account positively for child care in schools	✓ Today
	Request Ontario to fund child care directly as school use	✓ Today
	Prepare and test “Community Asset Utilization Rate”	❖ Today
Disposition Process	Request Ontario to Include Cities in Review of 444/98 (and Participate)	✓ Feb
	Report on Lessons Learned from TDSB/City Workshops (pre-PARC)	✓ Today
	Contribute to Ontario’s Community Hubs Action Plan and Request Implementation	✓ Sept
Capital Financing	Review financing tools; Request removal of EDC restrictions; Letter of Credit Restrictions	❖ Feb

Added/Recommended Workplan Items	Status
Report on green standards, storm water management, urban design requirements not covered by EDU benchmarks	✓ Today
Options to Improve Site Planning Approval (“single window”)	☐ Plan
Develop Protocol for Broader Community Use of School Parks	☐ Plan
Issues Related to Transfer of Small Land Parcels Adjacent to Schools	☐ Plan
Identify Conflict Resolution Options	☐ Plan
Process for Community Consultations on Use of School Field	☐ Plan
Safe Walking/Cycling to School; (Non Motorized)Transportation Safety	☐ Plan
Standard Lease Agreements	☐ Plan
Building Permit and City Planning Timelines	☐ Plan

Achievements

At Staff Level: Mandate #1: Tangibly strengthened City-School Boards communication and information-sharing relation to school lands disposition issues

- ✓ Increased inter-board communication
- ✓ Opportunities for parties to speak “with one voice” to Province
- ✓ Increased City-Ministry of Education communication
- ✓ Increased opportunity for French-language boards to contribute to City policy development

June 28, 2016
City Report on TDSB School Properties

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.EX16.21>

- 1. “Community Asset Evaluation Framework”**
- 2. City Involvement in PARs in Light of New Guidelines**

“Community Asset Evaluation Framework”

1. Evaluation Tools
2. Community Sector Consultation
3. School Board Data Gaps

Recommendation # 9

“City Council strongly encourage the Ministry of Education, the Community Hubs Secretariat and other relevant provincial ministries, to work with school boards to establish a publicly-accessible inventory of community agency tenants and community services provided in publicly-funded schools and an inventory of space available in schools for community use”

“City-School Board Information-Sharing Workshops”

- New Ministry Guidelines: 2015
- TDSB Community and Planning Annual Public Meeting
- TDSB/City: 6 Workshops/12 months
 - City Growth Projections
 - Planning Studies
 - Child Care Use and Needs
 - Green Space Use and Needs
 - Student Population Projections
 - Community Agency Use/Interest
 - Student Accommodation Plans
 - School Facilities Index
- TCDSB: Inaugural Workshop, June 2016
- City-Province Communication

Recommendation # 6

“City Council send a letter to the Minister of Education and the school boards operating in Toronto to acknowledge recently improved board-to-City communication related to surplus properties planning and to encourage the parties to strengthen board-to-board communication and disclosure on these matters”



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