

MEMO

TO: City-School Boards Advisory Committee
FROM: Councillor Joe Mihevc
RE: Standard Community Use Agreement for City Funded Assets on School Sites
DATE: June 7, 2016

Recommendation:

That the General Manager of Parks, Forestry & Recreation negotiate a new standard "community use agreement" with the Toronto school boards that would serve as a template for all future section 37 and other city contributions to school facilities.

Background:

My request comes from an experience on renovating green space on school property. It came to my attention that the standard TDSB community use agreement allows for the agreement to last for only five years even if the play equipment has been fully paid for by the city or through community fundraising. The community and/or the city loses all control even as it may have paid the full freight of the project. In most cases, it does not matter; but given that legal agreements are being in place, it is important to get it right to assure community access for the life of the asset. Of course, the agreement would need to make provisions for extenuating circumstances, for example school accommodations need.



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