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To: Chair & Members, Community Development & Recreation Committee

Re: **TDSB Shared Use Agreement for Recreation Space in Schools**

The City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) have supported recreation and other important community services through exclusive, shared-use and permitting arrangements in school facilities.

Most of these agreements expired in 2002, and in July 2006, City Council authorized the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to execute a Master Shared Use Lease Agreement with the TDSB for the exclusive use of space within TDSB facilities. The City has been negotiating an agreement with the TDSB since then without success. Many recreational facilities are still operating under the terms of the expired, old agreements; others have been operating with ad-hoc arrangements.

The funding paid to the TDSB for the use of recreational space is substantive. In the time since the old agreements expired, the TDSB has claimed or attempted to reclaim space being used by Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

There is significant pressure at the TDSB around the use of school space for full-day kindergarten, child care and other programs. Decisions are being made now on the use of space to accommodate these uses. It is urgent that the City conclude the negotiations in order to protect the valuable space for recreation programming and plan for future budgets.

Therefore, I would like to propose the following motion:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Request the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the May 10, 2017 meeting of the Community Development & Recreation Committee on the status of negotiations between the City and the Toronto District School Board on shared-use and exclusive-use agreements for recreation space in schools.**

Sincerely,

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