

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Supporting Toronto's Public Schools with Education Development Charges - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor John Filion

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor John Filion, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Government of Ontario to amend Reg 20/98 – Access to Educational Development Charges in order to support essential infrastructure needs by permitting the Toronto District School Board to collect Educational Development Charges.

Summary

Education Development Charges are an important tool to enable boards of education to create school accommodation for students in areas of high population growth. Education Development Charges are currently imposed by the Toronto Catholic District School Board under the Education Act. These funds are collected by the City of Toronto on behalf of the Toronto Catholic District School Board from developers of new residential units, and fund site acquisitions for new and expanded schools. The Toronto Catholic District School Board is responsible for setting the education development charge rates and applicable policies.

Currently the Toronto District School Board cannot access Education Development Charges under the Education Act. This inequitable policy has resulted in growing capital funding pressures that have a direct impact on the quality of education of students in the Toronto District School Board. As Toronto grows, we are failing to meet the needs of families and students within the City as enrollment growth and pressure exceed available resources.

In 2015, City Council approved a workplan of the Joint City-School Boards Advisory Committee. The workplan included the item "Request Government of Ontario to remove restrictions on Reg 20/98 – Access to Educational Development Charges." However that workplan item was not completed, a request was not generated, or submitted, and City Council did not consider any information on the issue or approve a specific policy position.

In February 2016, City Council received for information a presentation on school boards'

capital funding pressures, including the Toronto District School Board's lack of access to Educational Development Charges. No recommendations were made.

Background Information (City Council)

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