

Greetings to the City Clerk, Toronto Councillors, and Mayor Tory,

Re: Supporting Toronto's Public Schools with Education Development Charges (MM34.17) – City Council Consideration on November 7, 2017

My name is Randy Barba and I am a resident of the rapidly expanding Humber Bay Shores neighbourhood. I thank you all in advance for considering the following:

As a parent of a two year old who will be bused to an over-capacity school outside of our Humber Bay Shores area, I fully support this motion, those who have put it forward, and any other efforts that can be made to increase the TDSB's ability to improve and expand current schools as well as build new facilities in intensified areas. Every school that accepts students from our community's various catchment areas are beyond full capacity or will be by 2021, according to TDSB estimates. A public school was also part of the Motel Strip Secondary Plan drafted in the 90's, yet we remain without as more and more young families move into condos and our population numbers skyrocket toward an estimated 30,000+ residents.

It is more than disappointing that the TDSB has not able to acquire educational development charges from the development of the Humber Bay Shores area to address this rapid growth, and I am hopeful that can be rectified via this motion. Policies must be adjusted to reflect the needs of intensified communities and a growing city, and everything from funding to lengthy planning processes need to be eased however possible. Let's do something for our kids and our teachers, and lets move to do so quickly without referral to the Executive Committee.

I thank Councillors Layton and Filion for their efforts in addressing this problem, I hope it is the first of many similar efforts, and I encourage all of Council to support this motion.

Thank you again,
Randy Barba