

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM9.25	ACTION			Ward: 5
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Confirmation of the City's Interest in 155 Falstaff Avenue (formerly Nelson A. Boylen Collegiate Institute) - by Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic and Community Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Frances Nunziata, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council confirm to the Toronto Catholic District School Board the City's interest in constructing a new swimming facility at 155 Falstaff Avenue as part of the construction of the new St. Fidelis Catholic School.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Economic and Community Development Committee in the fourth quarter of 2019 on the feasibility of co-locating a future aquatic facility at 155 Falstaff Avenue as part of the construction of the new St. Fidelis Catholic School, including the capital funding sources and timelines that would be required to advance this project.

Summary

For over 20 years, the City of Toronto provided recreational programs, including swim programs, at the former Nelson A. Boylen Collegiate Institute, located at 155 Falstaff Avenue ("the site"). In 2016, the Toronto District School Board declared the site surplus and formally closed the school. As a result, use of the school by the City, including the attached pool, ended in September 2016.

The Council approved Facilities and Parks Master Plan identified the need for additional aquatic facilities to address the high demand for aquatic programming. Prior to its closure, this site was well-used by the City, and the community, for recreational programs, including swim programs. The closure of the pool in particular was very disappointing to the community, and the need for this programming to be replaced persists.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board has since acquired the site for the relocation of St. Fidelis Catholic School. After a review of options, the Toronto Catholic District School Board has determined that the best way forward is to demolish the existing building, which includes

the attached pool building, to construct a new school. A replacement pool is outside of the scope of the Toronto Catholic District School Board's plans, as well as outside of the funding envelope they have been allocated for the new school.

A number of meetings have been held between the City and the Toronto Catholic District School Board to discuss the possibility of including a swimming pool in the construction of the new school, and the City's interest in reinstating swim programs at this location. The Toronto Catholic District School Board is advancing design work and wishes to engage the City more formally with respect to this co-development opportunity.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM9.25