
City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Exploring the Potential for a Community Hub at St. Bruno's Catholic School - by Councillor Josh Matlow, 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Social Development, Finance and Administration, to work with the Toronto Catholic District School Board to investigate the potential for a Community Hub providing social and/or recreational services to operate at the St. Bruno's Catholic Elementary School site after the property is declared surplus.

Summary

The St. Bruno's Catholic Elementary School has been the heart of the Frankel Lambert community, near Christie and Dupont, for decades. Former students have seen their children and grandchildren attend the school. The school has also operated as a Community Hub by hosting sporting events, Christmas pageants, fun fairs, and other events for the wider area.

Unfortunately, due to declining enrolment, St. Bruno's has been merged with St. Raymond's School. The new school is set to begin construction this spring. Losing this public space would rip the heart out of the area.

The Frankel Lambert neighbourhood is a diverse community, home to one of the highest concentrations of cooperative housing in the west end of Toronto. The residents are already facing a deficit of services, which would be made worse if the St. Bruno's site were to be turned over to private interests.

This Motion requests the General Manager, Social Development, Finance and Administration, to work with the Toronto Catholic District School Board to investigate the potential for a Community Hub providing social and/or recreational services to operate at the St. Bruno's Catholic Elementary School site after the property is declared surplus.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM13.21