

February 24, 2021

TO: City of Toronto, Planning and Housing Committee

RE: Meeting, March 2, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: TE21.13 Request to Province on Status and Timing of Funding Commitments for new schools in the Central Waterfront

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Joe Cressy recommends that:

1. City Council request the Minister of Education and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing identify the status and timing of Provincial funding commitments to construct public elementary school facilities on sites and space identified for this purpose across Toronto's Central Waterfront.

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association supports Councillor Joe Cressy's recommendation that Council make a formal request to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to identify the status and timing of Provincial funding commitments to construct public elementary school facilities on sites and space identified for this purpose across Toronto's Central Waterfront.

The deficit in school facilities is especially acute in the emerging precincts east of Yonge Street over to the Don River, which include Lower Yonge, East Bayfront, Keating Channel (West) and West Don Lands. The City has secured lands and space for required school facilities through the planning process, with landowners awaiting decisions related to land/space transactions and related capital improvements.

Public elementary school facilities identified for the following fast-growing precincts are in need of immediate funding commitments:

Precinct	Population	No. of Children	Status
West Don Lands	16,000	860	Block 9, no application to date
Lower Yonge	13,000	450	Sec 37 space in 55 Lakeshore E.
East Bayfront	12,000	900	Use Keating Channel School
Keating Channel	9,200		Quayside, 333 Lakeshore E.

To support the achievement of complete communities, the legislative and policy frameworks of both the Province of Ontario and the City of Toronto encourage planning for schools to be undertaken in a coordinated manner and for investment to happen in a timely way to service growth. With the rapid growth of the Central Waterfront area, especially the emerging



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communities east of Yonge Street, it is critical that an implementation and funding strategy for public elementary schools be in place as development proceeds.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

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