



May 7, 2024

Toronto City Hall
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Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attn: Nancy Martins, Secretariat

Dear Members of the Planning and Housing Committee:

**Re: Item PH 12.1
Update Downsview: Secondary Plan, Zoning By-law, Urban Design
Guidelines and Master Environmental Servicing Plan - Final Report
City of Toronto Ward 6
TCDSB Trustee Ward 5**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has reviewed the Update Downsview Final Report dated April 23, 2024, as well as supporting documentation including the Downsview Secondary Plan (OPA 716), Zoning By-law, Urban Design Guidelines and Master Environmental Servicing Plan, scheduled for consideration by the Planning and Housing Committee on May 9, 2024.

The TCDSB has been involved and engaged with City Staff since the launch of Update Downsview in Fall 2021. This includes multiple community consultations and working groups specifically for the Community Services and Facilities (CS&F) work being achieved in Update Downsview community development plan. The policies of the Downsview Secondary Plan are described as bringing up-to-date the 2011 Downsview Area Secondary Plan. The Plan sets out the long-term vision for a complete community and connects the Downsview area to the surrounding neighbourhoods while ensuring that the community services and facilities, including schools, will meet the needs of existing and future residents.

Throughout the process, the TCDSB has asserted that planned residential development within and surrounding the Downsview Secondary Plan Area will trigger significant oversubscription in local TCDSB schools. As such, the TCDSB has identified the need for multiple school sites within the Downsview Area Secondary Plan.

Within the Downsview Secondary Plan, forming the section on community facilities (Section 10) and more particularly, section 10.3 – Schools, the TCDSB has worked with the City on the inclusion of policies which support enhanced communication between the TCDSB and the City, as included in 10.3.3 and to require the development community to collaborate with school boards, as specified in section 10.3.4. Both of these sections are essential tools needed to secure the



educational future of the Downsview Secondary Plan area and new Catholic elementary schools within the planned area. Additionally, policies encouraging the collaborative shared use of school facilities and open spaces/parkland as specified in 10.3.1 & 10.3.2 of the plan are essential to the development of thriving complete communities as part of the Downsview Secondary Plan.

The TCDSB is pleased to see the inclusion of appropriate policies regarding Schools & Community Services & Facilities as part of the Downsview Secondary Plan, as it secures TCDSB schools to be located in this planned area and encourages collaboration between the TCDSB, the City and the development community.

The TCDSB wishes to continue to work with the City and development community on implementing these policies relating to community services and newly proposed Toronto Catholic Elementary Schools as part of the Downsview Secondary Plan & accompanying Zoning By-law.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Loberto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Loberto".

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Toronto Catholic District School Board

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