



## Decision Letter

### City-School Boards Advisory Committee

<b>Meeting No.</b>	4	<b>Contact</b>	Tanya Spinello, Committee Administrator
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Wednesday, February 26, 2025	<b>Phone</b>	416-397-4592
<b>Start Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>E-mail</b>	sbac@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 2, City Hall/Video Conference	<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Rachel Chernos Lin

TS4.3	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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#### Backlog of City Approvals for School Board Projects

##### Committee Decision

The City-School Boards Advisory Committee recommends that Executive Committee:

1. Request the Executive Director, Development Review to provide an update at the next City-School Boards Advisory Committee on the approval process for school projects and a list of outstanding projects in the City of Toronto.

##### Origin

(February 24, 2025) Letter from Trustee Maria Rizzo

##### Summary

At its meeting on February 26, 2025 the City-School Boards Advisory Committee considered Item [TS4.3](#) and made recommendations to Executive Committee.

##### Summary from the letter (February 26, 2025) from Trustee Maria Rizzo

Some school boards have experienced a wait time of an average of approximately 33 months for city approvals like site plan and city other approvals slowing down renovations, additions or new builds for schools in the City of Toronto.

As you are aware school boards have recently lost childcare funding by the province due to in part the time frames to complete projects.

Although our school boards have not received capital funding from the province in the past two years there are past projects that require city approvals before they can begin the additions, renovations or new childcare and schools.

School boards like any other builder take advantage to construct projects in warmer weather and moreover, school boards attempt to do construction work in school communities when students are not attending school.

All of the members of this committee are aware of the issues facing school boards in completing capital projects.

### **Background Information**

(February 24, 2025) Letter from Trustee Maria Rizzo on Backlog of City Approvals for School Board Projects

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/ts/bgrd/backgroundfile-253414.pdf>)

Toronto Catholic District School Board Projects

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/ts/bgrd/backgroundfile-253434.pdf>)