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Backlog of City Approvals for School Board Projects

Motion to add new business for the next City-School Board Advisory Committee

Dear Chair and Members of the City-School Board Advisory Committee:

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.

I am proposing the City School Board Advisory Committee:

Request the Chief Planner & Executive Director to provide an update at the next City School Board Advisory Committee and:

- 1. Report on outstanding approvals for school projects in the City of Toronto; and**
- 2. Meet with board staff to discuss pragmatic solutions to streamline the city approval process; and**
- 3. Recommend any possible changes that may lead to less wait time for school boards seeking city approvals.**

I respectfully request the City-School Board Advisory Committee to support this initiative.

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