



Saint Edward Catholic School

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To: The Office of Lily Cheng, Toronto Councilor, Ward 18 Willowdale

From: St. Edward Catholic School, Principal Kirsten Kelly & CSPC

Regarding: St. Edward Catholic School Turf Field, Leveling & Drainage Proposal

Purpose

St. Edward Catholic School is seeking a partnership with the City of Toronto to co-fund the installation of a properly drained, leveled and multi-use artificial turf field on school grounds.

The Challenge

- The existing schoolyard was built **without proper drainage & leveling**
- Following rainfall, the field becomes **waterlogged and unusable**
- This limits:
 - Safe outdoor activity for students
 - Access to recreational space in the local community

Proposed Solution

We propose:

- Installation of a **modern drainage system**
- Development of a **durable artificial turf field**

This will ensure:

- Year-round usability
- Safe and consistent playing conditions
- A long-term, low-maintenance solution

Project Cost & Request

- **Total Project Cost:** ~\$120,000 for artificial turf and connection to catch basin for 10m x 22m.
- **Requested City Contribution:** ~\$60,000 (50%) More in available
- We have engaged the Board approved contractor, **Cedargreen Landscape Contractors Ltd. Schomberg, ON L0G 1T0**, via **Goretti Galego-Folkins**, Project Supervisor, Sustainable Outdoor Environments, Capital Development, Asset Management & Renewal.
- The remaining funding will be covered by school/board resources.

Community Value & Partnership

We propose a **shared-use agreement** with the City of Toronto:

- City access during **evenings, weekends, and non-school hours**
- Availability for **community recreation programming**
- School retains priority use during school hours

Shared-use partnerships like this allow cities and schools to **maximize existing space and reduce the need for new infrastructure investments**.

Impact

Students

- Safe, accessible outdoor space daily
- Improved physical activity and well-being



TRANSFORMING OUR SCHOOLYARD

BEFORE & AFTER: THE IMPACT OF PROPER DRAINAGE + TURF

BEFORE: CURRENT CONDITIONS



- ❌ Poor drainage causes standing water after rainfall
- ⚠️ Field becomes unsafe and unusable for extended periods
- 🕒 Limits physical activity for students
- 🚫 No reliable field access for the surrounding community

AFTER: PROPOSED TURF FIELD



- ✅ Proper drainage system eliminates standing water
- 🛡️ Safe, durable, all-weather playing surface
- 🏃 Supports daily student use and physical activity
- 👥 Available for community use during non-school hours (shared use agreement)



COMMUNITY CONTEXT

- St. Edward Catholic School is located at 1 Botham Ave, North York, ON.
- Surrounded by a vibrant residential community with limited nearby recreational field access.
- This project will provide a safe, high-quality space for students, families and community members.

OUR LOCATION



PROJECT INVESTMENT

Total Project Cost	\$95,000
City of Toronto Contribution Requested (50%)	\$47,500
School / Board Contribution (50%)	\$47,500



A partnership that builds stronger neighbourhoods.
BETTER FOR STUDENTS. BETTER FOR THE COMMUNITY.
BETTER TOGETHER.



Thank you for considering our proposal to create a lasting community asset that supports student well-being and expands recreational opportunities for all.

**Image on left is actual image of St. Edward school.*

Community

- Increased access to local recreational space
- Safe, high-quality field for families and youth

City of Toronto

- Cost-effective expansion of recreational infrastructure
- Strengthened partnership with local school community

Project Readiness

- ✓ Board-approved contractor secured
- ✓ Quote obtained
- ✓ Scope clearly defined
- ✓ Ready to proceed upon funding approval

Closing

This proposal represents a **low-cost, high-impact opportunity** to transform an unusable space into a valuable community asset.

We welcome the opportunity to partner with the City of Toronto to bring this project to life.

Contacts:

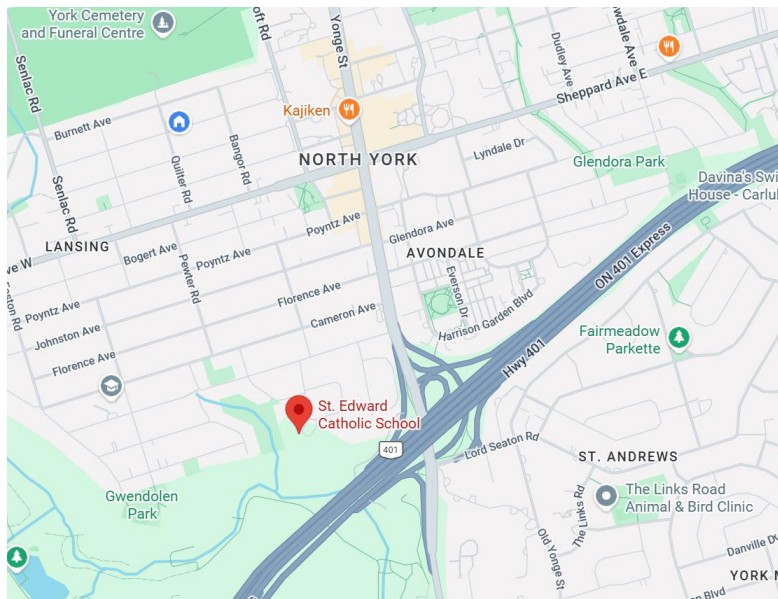
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Appendix:

Location:

St. Edward Catholic School, 1 Botham Road, North York, ON



Aerial View of school and school yard.

