

TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING Public Session

AGENDA AUGUST 31, 2021

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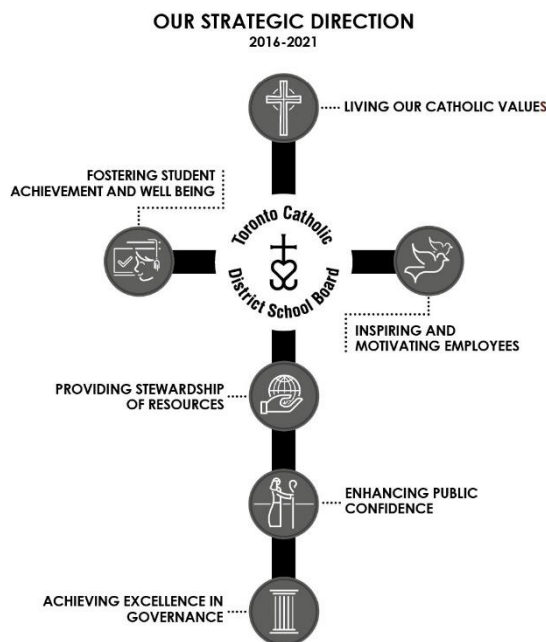
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of our deep respect for Indigenous peoples in Canada, we acknowledge that all Toronto Catholic District School Board properties are situated upon traditional territories of the Anishinabek (a-ni-shna-bek), the Haudenosaunee (hoh-Dee-noh-Shoh-nee) Confederacy, and the Wendat peoples. We also acknowledge the land covered by Treaty 13 is held by the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and Toronto is subject to The Dish with One Spoon covenant. We also recognize the contributions and enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

La Reconnaissance du Territoire

Nous témoignons du plus grand respect pour les Peuples autochtones au Canada et nous avons à cœur de souligner que tous les immeubles du Toronto Catholic District School Board sont situés sur les terres traditionnelles de la Nation Anishinabek, de la Confédération de Haudenosaunees et des Wendats. Il est également important de noter que le territoire visé par le Traité 13 est celui des Mississaugas de la Première Nation Credit et que celui de Toronto est protégé par l'accord d'« un plat à une cuillère ». Nous tenons également à rappeler la présence pérenne et l'importance des contributions des Premières Nations, des Metis et des Inuits en Ontario, et dans tout le Canada.

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AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC SESSION

Joseph Martino, Chair

Nancy Crawford, Vice-Chair

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Pages

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Memorials and Opening Prayer**
3. **Land Acknowledgement**
4. **Singing of O Canada A Capella**
5. **Roll Call and Apologies**
6. **Approval of the Agenda**
7. **Reports from Private Session**
8. **Notices of Motions**
9. **Declarations of Interest**
10. **Approval and Signing of Minutes of the Previous Meetings - Nil**
11. **Presentations**
12. **Delegations**
13. **Consideration of Motions for which previous notice has been given**

14. Unfinished Business from Previous Meetings
15. Matters referred/deferred from Committees/Board
16. Reports of Officials for the Information of the Board of Trustees
 - 16.a. Use of Schools as Polling Stations
17. Reports of Officials Requiring Action of the Board of Trustees
18. Reports from External Committees / Organizations
19. Listing of Communications
20. Inquiries and Miscellaneous
21. Updating of Pending Items List
22. Closing Prayer
23. Adjournment

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REPORT TO

SPECIAL BOARD

USE OF SCHOOLS AS POLLING STATIONS

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him – Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

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INFORMATION REPORT

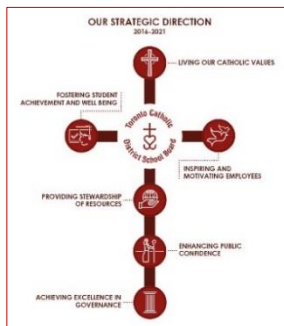
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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report, for the information of the Board of Trustees, is to advise the Board that five (5) Trustees have requested, pursuant to the Board's Operating By-Law 175, that a special Board Meeting be held to consider whether it is advisable for the Board to agree to a request from Elections Canada to use some Toronto Catholic District School Board schools as polling stations in the upcoming September 20, 2021 federal election.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours.

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of Trustees that at the request of five (5) Trustees, this Special Board Meeting has been called to discuss the urgent issue of whether or not it is advisable for the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) to consent to a request from Elections Canada to use some Toronto Catholic schools as polling stations in the upcoming September 20, 2021 federal election.

C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and concerns about the highly transmissible Delta variant, there is concern that it may not be advisable for schools, without restrictions, to be used as polling stations in the upcoming September 20, 2021 federal election.
2. Prior to the pandemic, schools across Canada, including TCDSB schools, have been historically used as polling stations in federal, provincial and municipal elections.
3. The Board of Trustees has the legal authority to restrict the use of schools to purposes authorized by the Board pursuant to Ontario Regulation 474/00. The Ministry of Education has the authority under section 305(1) of the Education Act to make regulations governing access to schools. To date Ontario Regulation 474/00 is the only regulation issued by the Ministry of Education with respect to access to schools.

4. To date, Manitoba and New Brunswick have announced that schools in those provinces will not be hosting polling stations. Alberta has announced that the decision on whether or not to permit polling stations in its schools is a decision left to be made by local school districts.
5. Dr. Kieran Moore has written to the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, (attached at Appendix A), advising that only schools that meet the following conditions be considered by school boards and Elections Canada for Elections Canada to establish polling stations in schools, particularly in elementary schools:
 - Direct path to location of polling station
 - There must be separate entrance(s) and exist(s); and
 - Must be able to keep students (including children in licensed childcare centres co-located in schools) and staff separate from the public.
6. The facilities department is currently analysing TCDSB school locations to determine the number of schools that could satisfy the conditions Dr. Moore has recommended.

D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the information of the Board of Trustees.

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August 24, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Stéphane Perrault, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada

RE: Chief Medical Officer of Health's recommendations on using schools in Ontario for election purposes

Dear Mr. Perrault,

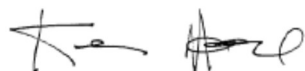
Over the past year the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health (OCMOH) has been working with Elections Canada (EC) to provide advice for election processes and as a point of contact across other ministries (e.g., Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility and Ministry of Long-Term Care).

With respect to EC's inquiry of using schools for election-related purposes, such as polling stations, I recommend that only schools that meet the following conditions be considered by school boards and EC for EC to establish polling stations in schools, particularly in elementary schools:

- Direct path to location of polling station;
- There must be separate entrance(s) and exit(s); and
- Must be able to keep students (including children in licensed child care centres co-located in schools) and staff separate from the public.

I look forward to continued dialogue and planning.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kieran Moore, MD, CCFP(EM), FCFP, MPH, DTM&H, FRCPC
Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health
Ontario Ministry of Health

c: Helen Angus, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health
Nancy Naylor, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education
Greg Essensa, Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Ontario