



REPORT TO

## CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

### FORMER ST. VERONICA C.S. WARD 6 CITY OF TORONTO SHELTER FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.", Ephesians 4:2*

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#### INFORMATION REPORT

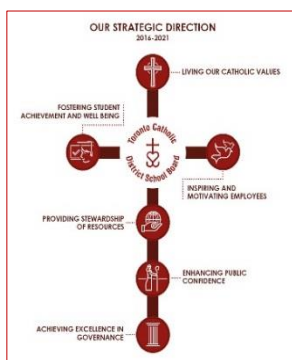
##### **Vision:**

*At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.*

##### **Mission:**

*The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*

*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The former St. Veronica Catholic School, a vacant school facility on 30 Bank Street, was identified as a suitable location to satisfy the needs of both the Municipal and Provincial government to provide temporary shelter for asylum seekers.

In January 2019, the City of Toronto informed the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) that it no longer requires the former St. Veronica as a potential temporary shelter location.

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## B. PURPOSE

This report is intended to provide the Board with a status update on the requested use of the former St. Veronica C.S. by the City of Toronto and the Province.

## C. BACKGROUND

1. ***The city and province identified St. Veronica as a viable site for temporary accommodations.*** Arising out of discussions with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and City of Toronto Real Estate Services in June 2018, the TCDSB identified vacant schools which could be made available for use as temporary shelters for asylum seekers. After reviewing potential options, the former St. Veronica, a vacant TCDSB facility located at 30 Bank Street, was identified as an ideal location to temporarily accommodate asylum seekers.
2. ***Community consultation had been planned.*** The finalization of the License Agreement was conditional on the City of Toronto holding a public consultation meeting and delivering notices to the local neighbourhood regarding the intention to open the facility as a shelter. The City did not move forward with community consultation on this matter.
3. ***The request for use of this school has been withdrawn.*** In January 2019, the City's Real Estate Services division informed the TCDSB that it no longer requires use of the former St. Veronica as a shelter facility, and will not be

moving forward with finalizing the License Agreement. The former St. Veronica will continue to be used for short-term permits and temporary accommodation.

#### **D. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the consideration of the Board.