

# CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

# RENTAL OF SURPLUS SCHOOL SPACE POLICY B.R.01 ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Psalm 133:1 (NIV)

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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 TCDSB currently has five (5) surplus school properties and three (3) vacant school properties. Four (4) of these properties are being leased out, two (2) are being used as potential holding schools for temporary accommodation and two (2) are being held for emergency purposes

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#### **B.** PURPOSE

This report addresses the requirement for an annual report, as found in TCDSB Policy B.R01 Rental of Surplus School Space.

# C. BACKGROUND

- 1. The TCDSB has a Policy that governs how surplus school properties are treated. Policy B.R.01 Rental of Surplus School Space & Properties provides details on regulations for which the Board is required to adhere to when the Board makes a decision to lease, license or otherwise make available surplus school space which has been declared surplus to the educational needs of the Board.
- 2. The treatment of surplus school properties is also rooted in legislation. Ontario Regulation 444/98, made under the Education Act, governs how School Boards dispose of surplus school property. Through Ontario Regulation 444/98, Disposition of Surplus Real Property, School Boards follow a two-step process to dispose of a property. The first step must be to offer it to public agencies, coterminous school boards and preferred agencies where public entities have 90 days to express interest in the property and an additional 90 days to submit an offer. The sale price must be at fair market value or some lesser amount as determined by the Regulation. If the Board does not receive an offer from the bodies listed above within the above 90-day or 180-day period, the Board may move to the second step and sell the property, subject to the approval of the Minister, to any other body or person.

# D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. Since 2013, TCDSB has declared five (5) school properties surplus to its long term needs and three (3) properties that are purposefully being held as vacant. The surplus properties have been circulated to public agencies, coterminous boards and preferred agencies in accordance with the Regulation. Table 1 provides the details of the surplus properties and Table 2 provides the details of the vacant properties.

Table 1: Surplus School Properties

Property	Date Declared Surplus	Current Status
Christ the King	March 20, 2013	Vacant. Circulated for sale to public agencies in accordance with <i>Regulation</i> . Not sold. Required for temporary pupil accommodation for the capital replacement of St. Leo C.S.
Senhor Santo Cristo	May 19, 2016	Circulated for lease to those agencies in accordance with the <i>Regulation</i> . No offers received from public agencies. Currently leased to University of Toronto Schools.
St. Gerard Majella	January 19, 2017	Circulated for lease to those agencies in accordance with the <i>Regulation</i> . No offers received from public agencies. Currently leased to Private school. Leased as of August 2017.
St. Leonard	February 15, 2017	Circulated for lease to those agencies in accordance with the <i>Regulation</i> . Offer received from Conseil Scolaire Viamonde. Leased as of July 2018.
Don Bosco	April 17, 2017	Circulated for lease to those agencies in accordance with the <i>Regulation</i> . No offers from public agencies. Proposal for Lease issued. Currently in lease negotiations, results of which will be presented in a further report to Board.

Table 2: Vacant School Properties

SCHOOL	STATUS		
St. Bernadette	TCDSB Long Term Accommodation Plan identifies		
	as "Core Hold" for emergency purposes.		
St. Veronica	TCDSB Long Term Accommodation Plan identifies		
	as "Core Hold" for emergency purposes.		
Holy Redeemer	Required for potential temporary pupil		
	accommodation due to capital construction projects.		

2. *The ability to declare new surplus properties is currently on hold.* Resulting from a Ministry decision to review and revise Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines, in 2017, no further school closures can occur until completion of that review, which impacts the availability of surplus properties going forward.

## E. CONCLUDING STATEMENT

This report is for the consideration of Board.