



*Office of the Director of Education*

January 29, 2019

The O'Connor Irish Heritage House Board

**Sent via Email**

Dear O'Connor Irish Heritage House Board:

***Re: Senator O'Connor Estate Buildings; Notice of the O'Connor Irish Heritage House (OCHH) Board Resolution to Dissolve the Corporation and its Charitable Status.***

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Please be advised that the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is in receipt of your letter, dated January 14, 2019, advising of the O'Connor Irish Heritage House Board's resolution to dissolve the Corporation, and its charitable status, in accordance with CRA rules.

OCHH has been a valued partner in the long journey of restoration of the Senator O'Connor Estate House Buildings, and TCDSB regrets to hear of the organization's financial difficulties and it will not be pursuing a renewal of their agreement with the Board when it expires on January 31, 2019.

TCDSB acknowledges that access to the Senator O'Connor Estate House Building was limited over the last couple of years since OCHH took occupancy, of their two exclusive use Rooms 207 and 208, on October 1, 2015.

As you are well aware, due to extensive water infiltration issues beyond TCDSB's control, the Estate House was closed for repair/construction work, with no access for safety reasons, for two periods; September 20, 2016 to February 6, 2017 and August 2017 to June 18, 2018.

With respect to OCHH's claim of lack of communication, TCDSB would respectfully remind OCHH that, upon their taking occupancy, an Operating Committee was established consisting of representatives of OCHH, School Principal, TCDSB Real Property and Facilities staff. The Committee met on site to discuss maintenance and operation of the Estate House, practical occupancy issues, lease related matters and facility improvements. That Committee met (eleven) 11 times between the period of November 10, 2015 and October 9, 2018.

In addition to the Operating Committee meetings, throughout the access closure to the Estate House for required repair/construction work, OCHH was provided with email communications on a regular basis to inform it of the status of the construction work, the date at which occupancy clearance was approved, and that access would again be available. A total of (nine) 9 email communications were sent during the closure time periods.

Should OCHH need to arrange for access to the Senator O'Connor Estate Building to remove any of their furniture or materials please contact Michael Loberto, Superintendent of Planning and Development Services, at (416) 222-8282 ext.2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. McGuckin".

Rory McGuckin  
Director of Education

Copy: Tim Robins, Interim Associate Director, Facilities, TCDSB  
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