REPORT TO

SPECIAL BOARD

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET INCREASE

"I can do all things through HIM who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13 (NRSVCE)

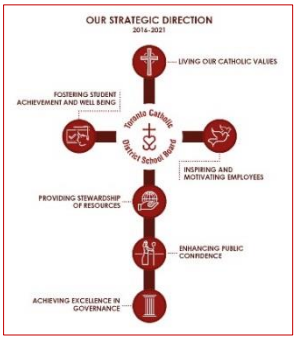
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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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 new St. John the Evangelist Catholic School was opened in September 2019. Final reconciliation of project costs has now been completed.

This report recommends the approval of a final project cost of $20,698,700.00 for the construction of the new St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. This includes an increase of $579,495.00 for additional costs for the construction of a culvert to allow for use of the Metrolinx tunnel deck for playground space, funded mostly by Education Development Charges (EDCs), with a small share paid by Metrolinx. There is an increase of $161,110.00 for Change Orders not eligible for EDCs.

While there is an increase of $1,909,674 in the use of EDCs over the original project budget, there is a final surplus of Ministry of Education Capital Priority funding approved for this project in the amount of $670,225.00. The Ministry will allow surplus approved funding to be redirected to other Capital projects and this report recommends the allocation of this Capital Priority funding surplus to the new St. Raymond / St Bruno Catholic School to address a funding shortfall in this project. Education Development Charges are not available to the St. Raymond / St Bruno project.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 12 hours.

B. PURPOSE

1. In accordance with Board Policy, budget increases for major Capital projects (new schools and major additions) must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

C. BACKGROUND

1. ***On April 10, 2017, TCDSB received Approval to Proceed (ATP) to tender from the Ministry of Education (EDU) for the construction of a replacement school for St. John the Evangelist at a cost of $19,563,160***. The ATP amount included $11,465,180 Capital Priorities and Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) funding approved by EDU in 2012, as well as additional unique site cost funding, Education Development Charges and City of Toronto Child Care Capital Funding The ATP funding breakdown is shown in Appendix A.

2. ***A project budget of $18,748,824.00 was approved for the construction of St. John the Evangelist Catholic School at the start of construction.*** On May 18, 2017, the Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee approved the revised project budget and the award of the construction contract to Pre-Eng Construction Ltd. in the amount of $15,194,256.80 (including net HST). Due to favourable market conditions, the required project budget was less than the funding approved by EDU at ATP.

3. ***A project budget increase was approved in May 2018 for additional costs related to site preparation***. Corporate Services approved an increase of $855,870.00 on May 10, 2018 mainly for the removal of contaminated soil and debris, funded from Education Development Charges (EDC).

4. ***Additional costs were incurred due to delays in gaining access to construct a culvert on Metrolinx property.*** A project budget increase of $592,111.00 was approved in June 2019, funded from Education Development Charges (EDC), for a revised project budget of $20,197,306.00.

5. ***Construction of the new school was completed in August 2019.*** Final deficiencies and landscape work that could not be completed in Spring 2020, due to COVID-19, will be completed this summer.

D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. ***The final project financial reconciliation is detailed in Appendix A.*** The final project cost of $20,698,700 is funded from multiple sources including the EDU Capital Priorities Grant, Full Day Kindergarten Grant, Unique Site Cost Funding, Education Development Charges and City of Toronto Child Care Capital Funding. Metrolinx also paid a share of the culvert cost based on a formula included in the Tunnel Deck License Agreement.

2. ***Additional costs beyond the approved project budget have been incurred in the construction of the culvert on Metrolinx property in the amount of $579,495.*** Of this, $461,193 is funded from EDCs and $118,302 from the Metrolinx cost share. There is an increase of $161,110.00 for Change Orders not eligible for EDCs.

3. ***A surplus of $670,225 in EDU Capital Priorities funding remains at the completion of the project.*** Total final project costs funded from the EDU

Capital Priorities Grant and FDK Grant are $10,794,955. The approved funding from these sources was $11,465,180.

4. ***The Ministry of Education allows for unencumbered Capital Priority funding from a completed project to be allocated to another Capital project that has a funding deficit***. The new St. Raymond / St. Bruno Catholic School Capital project is awaiting ATP from EDU in order to proceed to tender. This project is not eligible to use EDCs for site preparation costs and EDU funding for unique site costs does not cover all extraordinary costs identified in the pre-tender cost estimate. The Board must find alternate sources of funding for a shortfall of $1.2M. As well as surplus funding from completed projects, Proceeds of Disposition may be used. Allocation of the surplus from St. John the Evangelist would reduce the amount of POD required to approximately $530,000.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. That a final project cost of $20,698,700 including net HST be approved for the construction of the new St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, as detailed in Appendix A.

2. That the Capital Priority funding surplus in the amount of $670,225 be allocated to the construction of the new St. Raymond / St. Bruno Catholic School.