



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT BUDGET INCREASE (WARD 10)

*“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. A final reconciliation of project costs is now completed.

This report recommends the approval of a final project cost of \$20,946,383. This includes an increase of \$247,682 for additional work requested by the school and child care, an increase to the FFE (Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment) allowance provided for school use and additional work required by the City Building Inspector.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 7 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 (Capital Priorities) funding, Education Development Charges (EDCs) and City of Toronto Child Care Capital Funding.
2. *A project budget of \$18,748,824 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. *Project budget increases were approved in May 2018 and June 2019 for additional costs related to removal of contaminated soils and delays in culvert installation.* The increases of \$855,870 and \$592,111 were funded by Education Development Charges (EDC) with a small share by Metrolinx, for

a revised project budget of \$20,197,306. Construction of the new school was completed in August 2019 and the school was opened to students that September.

4. ***In June 2020 the Board approved a revised project budget of \$20,698,701.*** Most of the budget increase was funded by EDCs and there was a remaining surplus in the Ministry approved Capital Priorities funding of \$670,225, and a surplus of \$321,694 in the Child Care funding (provided by the City of Toronto). The Board approved the re-allocation of \$570,225 of the Capital Priorities surplus to the St. Bruno/Raymond replacement school project. Surplus Capital Priorities funding of \$100,000 remained available for additional work at St. John the Evangelist, however, a further project budget increase was not approved at the time.
5. ***The final project costs include an increase of \$247,682 from the previously approved budget.*** This increase includes costs for both the school and the child care for the installation of security cameras, reconfiguration of the school office, privacy film and acoustic panels, an increase in the FF&E allowance for the purchase of playground and gymnasium equipment and changes required by the City Building Inspector to close the building permit. The correction of an earlier calculation error resulted in an increase to the total of Education Development Charges used for the project.

D. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. ***The final project financial reconciliation is detailed in Appendix A.*** The final project cost of \$20,946,383 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.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. That a final project budget of \$20,946,383 be approved for the construction of the new St. John the Evangelist Catholic School, as detailed in Appendix A.