



Delegation to TCDSB Corporate Services

May 13, 2021

Good evening Chair Kennedy, Trustee Rizzo for Ward 5, all Trustees, Director Browne and Staff.

Many of you may know me in my capacity as the Executive Director for OAPCE and my many years of volunteer service at the TCDSB but tonight I am delegating in my capacity to represent the Madonna community as the Madonna Alumnae association Administrator.

They say that school lays the foundation for you as you grow and develop yourself and without a shadow of doubt, Madonna was the foundation that helped me become the Catholic leader and advocate that I am today as well as the many others before, during and currently at the school and in two short years we will be celebrating 60 years of “Young Women Achieving Excellence since 1963”.

Since 2017 I, along with the Madonna Administrators and CSPC, have been advocating to have the field renewed for a much needed re-do - we have met over five times to discuss these projects yet, we are still awaiting for them to be started. I was very fortunate to have been approached by the Senior Planner at the City of Toronto Bike Path Development that wanted to connect and extend the existing bike/pedestrian path that stopped in Downsview Park - there was an interest to continue the path behind Downsview SS all along and behind Madonna to Wilson Ave. This amazing opportunity of connecting the community and allowing the bike and pedestrian path to be accessible to Wilson has come to a halt as there has been no arrangements made with the TDSB to get the project done.

Two years ago we were also approached by the Wilson BIA who were requesting that the TTC bus stop at the corner of Dubray and Wilson be made larger to ensure the safety of people waiting at the corner for the bus - this too has taken some time to come to fruition - with this change of the stop the school would have to give up a portion of its already small field to accommodate the

change. The City Councillor James Pasternak has ensured that there is some extra funding to go along with this revision for the field area.

Here are the specifics of what is needed at this time to ensure that the project is done:

Dubray/Madonna TTC Bus Stop:

- The land exchange portion, where the TCDSB would declare the area needed, to push back the fence, and expand the sidewalk/bus waiting area, as surplus; must be finalized between the Board and the City's Real Estate / Transportation staff.
- According to our Transportation staff, they are reviewing cost sharing options between TTC, the BIA and Transportation Service's own funds. Regardless of this, the surplus declaration from the Board must take place as soon as possible to expedite the process.

Multi-use Trail and Madonna Schoolyard Improvements:

- TCDSB Senior staff is supposed to go back and prepare a detailed site plan showing the schoolyard improvements which would incorporate a multi use trail along the east edge of the schoolyard which would at least meet the minimum requirements part of the City's guidelines for construction of such trails. Attached is the email containing the guidelines I sent to Michael at the end of March so he can get started on a plan with measurements etc.
- Once the TCDSB team comes back with a detailed plan and/or an estimate of the land value for the area to be dedicated towards the multi-use trail, our office will then forward the detailed request to our Real Estate and Transportation Staff and figure out funding/agreements to acquire the land.
- There is also the set of requirements from TDSB and Toronto Lands Corp. regarding their section of the multi-use trail. One of the requirements is for Madonna and TCDSB to provide written confirmation of their section of the trail first.

We have an opportunity to get some of the revitalization master plan done soon with some additional capital funding from the TCDSB. On behalf of the Madonna CSS community, we ask that this opportunity of the Bike Path can be done as well as provide funding to the field renewal - We only feel that we should be treated **equitably** like all the other school communities that have recently been allocated funding for their fields and schools and provide us with the above requests and timelines of start and completion.

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