



REPORT TO

**CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC  
PLANNING AND PROPERTY  
COMMITTEE**

**CVRIS PROJECTS UPDATE (ALL WARDS)**

*"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13 (nrsvce)*

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<b>INFORMATION REPORT</b>		

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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides a status update on the Federal COVID-19 Resilient Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) funded projects.

In November 2020, the Board submitted over 500 projects totalling \$33.51M for funding through the Federal CVRIS program, for projects providing critical infrastructure upgrades to protect students and staff from COVID-19.

In February 2021, TCDSB received confirmation from the Ministry of Education that over 400 projects received \$25.76M in CVRIS funding. The projects are scheduled to be complete by August 31, 2022. Appendix A provides a summary of the funding allocations for each ward, including projects' status and anticipated completion dates.

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## **B. PURPOSE**

1. This report provides the Board with an update on the Federal COVID-19 Resilient Infrastructure Stream funded projects.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. *The Federal COVID-19 Resilient Infrastructure Stream (CVRIS) was announced on October 28, 2020.* The general criteria for project eligibility was identified as follows:
  - Promote occupant health and safety;
  - Improve facility condition (e.g., optimize air quality and water refilling stations that also improve access to safe drinking water);
  - Enhancing physical distancing; and
  - Facilitating distance learning (e.g., network and broadband infrastructure)
2. *On November 18, 2020, the TCDSB submitted a list of 541 projects totalling \$33.15 M for funding through the Federal CVRIS.* Project selection was completed by staff using the *Process for Selection of Projects for CVRIS Funding Submission* provided to the Board on November 12, 2020.

3. ***On February 23, 2021, the Board received Notice of Approval of Funding from the Ministry of Education.*** The TCDSB received \$25.76M in funding for over 400 projects in the following categories:
  - Heating and ventilation system replacements
  - Window replacements
  - Nutrition Room upgrades (handwashing)
  - Water bottle filling stations
  - Cooling centres
  - New mechanical ventilation systems (two pilot schools)
  - Ventilation/air conditioning upgrades in portable classrooms
  - Upgrading handwashing facilities
  - Playground Reserve projects
  - Other playground projects
  - Child Care playground expansion/division
  - Child Care separate washrooms/separate entrance
  - Wi-Fi cabling infrastructure and access points
4. ***On April 14, 2021, a list of the approved projects by Ward was brought to Board in the Return to School Update.***
5. ***The approved CVRIS project list included projects that had already been allocated funding either through previous Renewal Plans or through the School Playground Reserve.*** These funding amounts will be returned to the Renewal Contingency or to the Playground Reserve upon completion of the projects.
6. ***On September 23, 2021, the required substantial completion date for CVRIS funded projects was extended to December 2022.*** The deadline extension recognized that due to international supply-chain delays and limited availability of contractors the original substantial completion date of December 31, 2021 was not feasible for Boards throughout the province.
7. ***While a significant number of projects are currently in construction,*** the ICT projects consisting of upgrades to wi-fi cabling infrastructure and access points have been completed.
8. ***Not all CVRIS funded projects can be completed as identified in the original submission.*** The TCDSB proposed re-allocating this funding to similar projects in other schools, but have been informed by the Ministry that CVRIS funding must be applied to another eligible project within the same school or

same bundle of project scopes. Staff has identified these alternative projects and have submitted the list to the Ministry for approval.

#### **D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

1. ***The current completion status of the CVRIS projects is provided in Appendix A.***
2. ***Due to current market conditions, tenders for the CVRIS projects have generally come in over budget and additional funding has been required for projects to proceed.*** Funding from the Renewal Contingency shall be used to cover CVRIS funding deficits for previously funded Renewal projects, where the CVRIS funding is completely exhausted. Playground Reserve funds shall be used to fund deficits for projects that were previously approved as Playground Reserve projects, where the CVRIS funding is completely exhausted.
3. ***Board staffing costs to implement the CVRIS projects were not eligible for funding under the program.*** Limited staffing resources delayed the issuance of procurement documentation.
4. ***The projects are scheduled to be complete August 2022.*** Due to several challenges, including international supply chain delays, all Boards (and other public institutions) receiving CVRIS funding for similar projects and ordering the same products, limited availability of contractors as all the Boards in the GTA tendered similar projects in the same timeframe, and rising costs related to supply chain issues, the deadline for all CVRIS projects was extended to December 2022. The TCDSB however is working towards a completion date of August 2022.

#### **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

1. ***School boards are required to report on the status of all approved CVRIS project semi-annually, until they are complete.*** The first report was submitted on October 15, 2021. Reporting is done through VFA Facility and includes project status, costs, and anticipated completion dates.
2. ***As part of the funding criteria, CVRIS projects are required to be identified with digital signage on the Board and school websites.*** This signage identifies both the federal and provincial governments' roles in

the funding and implementation of these projects.

## **F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the information of the Board.