

## DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM FOR BOARD, STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEES

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#### Please select the applicable Board, Standing, Statutory, Sub or Ad Hoc Committee at which you are requesting to depute.

Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property Committee

# Do you wish to Delegate by electronic means?

Yes

**Do you require assistance from the Recording Secretary's Office?** No

Do you wish to make your deputation in private session because the matter involves the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or Committee, an employee or prospective employee of the Board or a pupil of his or her parent or guardian? No

**Date of Deputation:** 11-11-2021

## **Topic of Deputation:**

Precious Blood Catholic School's Parent Community's concerns and perspective regarding the St. Catherine Catholic School's boundary review.

## Key Issue(s):

Student welfare, Precious Blood Catholic School's current enrolment challenges, opportunity and financial cost to our greater Catholic community.

## **Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:**

Precious Blood Catholic School's position is that as part of the greater Catholic



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community we are very empathic to the enrolment concerns facing St. Catherine's. A Catholic school is indeed a much needed pillar of any smaller community and to see enrolment numbers diminishing is not something we want to see, given potential remedies the Board may wish to implement going forward. Our values and commitment to Catholic education are shared with our fellow schools. Our goal is to look at this more broadly, in terms of our greater Catholic community and ultimately, what is best not only for pragmatic realities (costs and facility utilization) but namely, what is best for our students and their welfare. Proposing that upwards of 10 portables be built under scenario 3 of the boundary review, when there are permanent (indoor) classrooms under utilized at Precious Blood seems to be a proposition not well aligned with our values of championing student welfare, as a greater Catholic community.

#### **Action Requested:**

Precious Blood Catholic School and St. Catherine Catholic School share the same parish church but also share the same level of compassion and commitment for Catholic education. Demographics change and evolve over time and our recommendation would be one of flexibility to the Board. That while a boundary review may not make sense at this time, from a student welfare, logistical and financial standpoint, that the Board strongly consider flexibility to allow St. Catherine the time needed to properly assess future demographic changes and to preserve its school.

#### Please select one of the following options:

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC).

#### Please provide the name of school and your position:

Name of School: Precious Blood Catholic School Your Position Chair

Submission Date: 11-01-2021