

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR SUMMER 2022 PROCUREMENT AWARDS

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindess, humility, meekness, and patience." Colossians 3:12

Drafted **Meeting Date**

May 25, 2022

June 1, 2022

- J. Charles, Coordinator, Materials Management and Purchasing Services
- M. Farrell, Superintendent, Environmental Support Services
- M. Zlomislic, Superintendent, Capital Development and Asset Renewal
- S. Camacho, Executive Superintendent, Technology and Strategic Development

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Vision: IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.

Mission: Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the



Brendan Browne Director of Education

Adrian Della Mora

Associate Director of Academic Affairs & Chief Operating Officer

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Associate Director of Facilities, Business & Community Development

Ryan Putnam

Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the summer period when there are no scheduled Committee or Board meetings, it is anticipated that there will be a number of tender contract awards and purchases that would normally require Board approval under the Board Purchasing Policy.

There will be a number of required contract awards and procurements prior to the resumption of Board meetings in order to meet the ongoing business requirements of the Board in the areas of Facilities, ICT and Curriculum. These procurement awards and purchases are essential to facilitate the ongoing continuity of school operations in September 2022.

This report recommends that the Board delegate authority to the Director of Education or designate, and the Chair of the Board or designate, or the Chair of the Corporate Services Committee to award procurement contracts and approve purchases over \$50,000 for the months of June, July and August 2022. The Board of Trustees will be updated in the fall with a list of all awards and purchases approved by delegated authority over the summer.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 4 hours.

B. PURPOSE

- 1. Board approval is required for tender awards for new school construction, major school additions and all awards above \$50,000. During the summer period when the Board is not scheduled to meet, the Board typically delegates approval authority to the Director of Education or designate.
- 2. Timely contract approvals will facilitate the scheduling and implementation of major construction projects and key operational work ahead of the start of school.

C. BACKGROUND

1. As required by the TCDSB Purchasing Policy (FP.01), the Board of Trustees approve any procurement activity/awards more than \$50,000. The Board Purchasing Policy FP01 provides delegation of authority to the Director of Education to approve the award of all contracts and expenditures not to

- exceed a threshold of \$50,000 where the Board of Trustees has approved the budget, project or report.
- 2. Procurement activities continue during the summer months when the Board of Trustees do not meet at Board and/or Committees of the Whole Board. In order to initiate the design and/or construction process for Capital and Renewal projects, Maintenance and ICT contracts and complete purchases required for school operations to commence in September, the Board of Trustees may approve the delegation of authority during the summer months to the Director of Education or designate to approve contracts and purchases that exceed \$50,000.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

- 1. The Board typically delegates approval authority to the Director of Education during the summer period through June 2, 2022 until August 31, 2022. This avoids costly project delays when there are no scheduled Board or Committees of the Whole Board meetings. An information report is provided to the Board of Trustees in the following September.
- 2. Typically reports for the award of construction contracts are brought to Corporate Services individually. It is anticipated that the following Capital construction tenders may be finalized for award, subject to Ministry of Education providing revised ATP (Approval to Proceed) where applicable, in the summer period from June 2, 2022 until August 31, 2022. These reports would require approval by delegated authority to avoid delay:

Project	Ward	Estimated Award
		Value
St. Raymond / St. Bruno Replacement School	9	\$21,164,000
Construction Tender		
St. Leo Replacement School – Construction	4	\$20,000,000
Tender		
St. Paul VI Child Care Retrofit – Construction	6	\$1,805,000
Tender		
St. Fidelis Replacement School – Construction	10	\$22,600,000
Tender		
St. Matthias/ OLOG/ Holy Redeemer	11	\$19,300,000
Replacement School – Construction Tender		

3. In recent years, the delegation of authority has included one of either the Chair, Vice-Chair of the Board or Chair of Corporate Services. On June 8th, 2021, the Board approved the delegation of authority to the Director of Education or designate and the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board or the Chair of the Corporate Services Committee.

E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. A report listing all contracts awarded during the summer months will be provided to the Corporate Service Committee in September. Capital project budgets are monitored through the Board's financial systems and audit processes and the financial status is reported to the Ministry of Education annually through Capital Asset Project Template (CAPT) system.

F. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

- 1. Director's Council will recommend contract awards in June, July and August, 2022 prior to circulation to the Chair/Vice-Chair. The recommendation report to Director's Council will then be sent by email to the Chair of the Board for approval. If the Chair is not available, it will be circulated to the Vice-Chair, and if she is not available it will be circulated to the Chair of Corporate Services.
- 2. The appropriate local School Trustees will be informed of major construction awards in their ward. The local trustee will be informed by email of awards of major Capital construction contracts in their wards during the summer period.

G. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees delegate authority to the Director of Education or designate, and the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board, or the Chair of the Corporate Services Committee, to award procurement contracts and approve purchases over \$50,000 from May 30, 2022 to August 31, 2022.