



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

RESCINDMENT OF TCDSB POLICY R.02 DEMOLITION

“Why did you run off secretly and deceive me? Why didn’t you tell me, so I could send you away with joy and singing to the music of timbrels and harps?” - Genesis 31:27

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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 love of God, neighbour, and self.*



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that the Board rescind Policy R.02 Demolition, as the provisions in this policy are governed by authorities having jurisdiction over the demolition of Real Property, namely the Board, the Ministry of Education, and the municipality.

All capital projects are subject to strict municipal and provincial legislation. The presiding bodies at the ministerial and municipal level regulate the demolition of Real Property to ensure compliance, irrespective of the Board's internal policy.

In addition, portable classrooms are identified in the Annual Portable Plan and Other Accommodation Needs report. It is at this stage where the Board may decide if a portable classroom should be decommissioned, removed, and/or demolished.

Policy R.02 is redundant and not applicable to the demolition of Real Property as part of a capital project or Portable Plan and Other Accommodation Needs. Therefore, it is recommended that this Policy be rescinded.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 14 hours.

B. PURPOSE

This Recommendation Report is on the Order Paper of the Regular Board as it recommends the rescindment of TCDSB Policy R.02 Demolition.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The Policy was first approved in June 1986 and further amended in November 2017, by consolidating with Policy R.03 (Demolition of Purchased Real Property).
2. Prior to 1986, there was no formal policy in place to provide guidance to the Board with respect to demolition of existing buildings, portables, and purchased Real Property.
3. The Policy was introduced to ensure demolition of school sites and other TCDSB property and was developed in accordance with relevant legislation to achieve maximum safety and service to the community.
4. Staff undertook a thorough review and recommend rescinding Policy R.02 as the demolition of existing buildings, portables and purchased Real Property is regulated through the Annual Portable Plan and Other Accommodation Needs

report; Capital Projects approval process; Ministry approval process; and Municipal approval process, thus making the need for this policy redundant.

5. Recommendations in this report were reviewed at the January 10, 2023, meeting of the Governance and Policy Committee.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

This policy recommendation has been completed in consultation with staff from the Capital Development, Environmental Support Services, Planning, Field Superintendents and External Legal Services (at the request of Executive General Counsel).

1. As per Section 1 of the Policy: Demolition of Existing Buildings and Portables, the need for Board approval is sought through the capital projects submission. All capital projects require approval from the Board prior to Ministry consultation. It is through this process where the need to demolish existing Real Property will be identified and approved by the Board.
2. Section 1. (b) of the Policy requires the approval from the Ministry of Education. Staff will submit a business case to the Ministry requesting funding for the project. Once the funding is approved, the Board will receive a statement from the Ministry directly acknowledging that funding shall include the demolition of an existing building, portable and/or purchased Real Property.
3. Section 1. (f) denotes that demolition process will follow all Board, Ministry and jurisdictional requirements and legislation. After receiving Ministry approval, the Board is required to submit the capital project plans to the City for Site Plan Approval and/or Building Permit. The Ministry's letter of approval is included in this submission and only then, may the City issue a permit for the demolition of an existing building, portable and/or purchased Real Property.
4. Regarding portable classrooms as identified in Section 1. (h); if removal or demolition is required, this is identified in the Annual Portable Plan and Other Accommodation Needs report. Given that the Board reviews the Annual Portable Plan and Other Accommodation Needs report, the requirement to seek additional approval for the disposal or demolition of a portable classroom thereafter becomes unnecessary.

**E. GOVERNANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

The Governance and Policy Committee recommends that Policy R.02 Demolition found in Report Appendix A be rescinded.