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Angela Gauthier
Director of Education
Toronto Catholic District School Board
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Dear Ms. Gauthier,

The Ministry has received the Toronto Catholic District School Board's (TCDSB) request for additional funding to support the construction of an addition to St. Victor Catholic School in Scarborough and an Approval to Proceed to tender the construction of this project. In particular, the funding was requested to address the following unique site cost issues:

- City of Toronto Green Standards;
- Storm water system
- Site work due to poor soil conditions

The Ministry undertook a comprehensive review of the supporting information provided by the board to determine whether these costs may already be included in the Ministry's construction cost benchmarks. Based on our review, the Ministry approves up to \$711,901 for the TCDSB in additional funding, as identified in the table below. The Ministry has determined that the remaining unique site cost amounts requested are covered under the construction benchmarks and thus, additional funding is not required.

| Unique Site Costs | Total Cost |
|--|------------|
| Additional Excavation/Fill/Foundation Depth due to poor soils | |
| Storm Water System including Retention Tanks, Bioswales, Rooftop Storage | |
| Off-site Municipal Upgrades – New/Replace Public Sidewalk, Crosswalks, etc | |
| New Transformer/ Relocated Electrical Service to Edge of School Site | |
| Demolitions/Alternations to connect | |
| Hazardous Materials | |
| Green Roof/Cash in Lieu | |
| Bird Friendly Glass | |
| Tree Replacement on Site/ cash in lieu - at 50% | |
| Consulting Fees & Expenses (related to Site Plan Approval, EDC expenses, Studies, Unique Site Costs) - at 50% | |
| Total | \$ 711,901 |

The table below reflects the revised funding allocations for the addition to St. Victor Catholic School:

| Proceeds of Disposition (POD) <i>Previously Approved</i> | FDK <i>Previously Approved</i> | School Renewal Grant (Deferred Revenue) | Capital Land Funding (Unique Site Costs) | Total Project Cost |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------------|
| \$ 4,362,586 | \$ 998,260 | \$ 181,683 | \$ 711,901 | \$ 6,254,430 |

Based on discussions with board staff, and noted in the table above, the TCDSB will contribute \$181,683 in deferred School Renewal Grant funding towards this project. The Ministry grants the TCDSB an Approval to Proceed to tender the construction of this project based on the revised funding approval noted above.

Please note that the TCDSB should structure its tender documents to identify unique site costs separately. The board will be required to submit tender results for unique site costs from all bidders to the Ministry. The Ministry will adjust the unique site costs allocation, up to but not exceeding the approved amount, to match those of the preferred bidder. The Ministry will only grant an approval to proceed with unique site work once we are satisfied that these costs are within the funding approval maximum amount of \$711,901.

I would like to remind the board that it is responsible for ensuring that the total project cost remains within the revised funding approval amount as noted above. Should you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact your capital analysts, Lisa Bland at (416) 326-9921 or via email at lisa.bland@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

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