

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND PARTNERSHIPS POLICY (B.R.07) –PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL OF POLICY

And looking at them Jesus said to them, "With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Vision:

At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on February 24, 2016, the Board passed a motion:

- 1. That Community Planning and Partnerships Policy (B.R.07), as contained in Appendix 'B' of this report be approved for consultation.
- 2. That public consultation occur at the level of 'consult' as defined in the Board's Community Engagement Policy (T.07).

This report recommends:

- 1. That the Board rescind Facility Partnerships (B.R.07).
- 2. That the Board approve Community Planning and Partnerships Policy, as found in *Appendix 'B'*.
- 3. That the Board approve Application for Interest in Establishing Community Planning and Partnership, as found in *Appendix 'C'*.

B. BACKGROUND

- 1. The Board's current Facility Partnerships Policy (B.R.07) is based on the Ministry of Education Facility Partnerships Guidelines issued in February 2010. In March 2015, the Ministry released its revised Facility Partnerships Guideline now known as the Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline (CPPG).
- 2. The new CPPG is to replace the Facility Partnerships Guidelines announced by the Ministry in February 2010. In order for the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) to initiate new school accommodation reviews, the Board must amend its Facility Partnerships Policy (B. R.07) so that it is in conformity with the new Guidelines.

3. At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on February 24, 2016, the Board approved the Community Planning and Partnerships Policy (B.R.07) (*Appendix 'A'*) for consultation, and that public consultation occur at the level of 'consult' as defined in the Board's Community Engagement Policy (T.07).

C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

Community Consultations

- 1. Community consultations, as directed by Trustees were held at the level of 'consult' as defined in the Board's Community Engagement policy (T.07).
- 2. An online feedback tool was designed and hosted on dedicated web pages to solicit concurrent but separate input for the Community Planning and Facility Partnerships Policy (B.R.07) and Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09). Each web page hosted all the specific background resources from the Ministry designed to educate participants on the issues.
- 3. This was done to ensure conformity and consistency with the new Ontario government guidelines which directed school boards to amend both their existing pupil accommodation review and facility partnerships policies to reflect the changes incorporated into the new Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) and Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline (CPPG) before announcing any new pupil accommodation reviews.
- 4. Consultation participants were invited to participate over a one month period beginning on April 6, 2016. Comments were submitted directly using the online comment tool associated with each policy. There was no need to self-identify.
- 5. The entire TCDSB community was informed of the consultation: parents, partners/external stakeholders (via Archdiocese), TCDSB permit holders, potential community hub partners, Catholic School Parent Council members, CPIC, OAPCE, all employees and employee groups (Teachers/Support Staff including the federations TECT, CUPE and TSU).

- 6. Follow up communication of the consultation process was executed using all media tools in the TCDSB communications inventory such as the Board's regular E-News publication, Director's Bulletin, Weekly Wrap-Up. Regular Twitter reminders were also issued to TCDSB's 17,500 followers.
- 7. Subsequently, it is prudent to replace the existing Facility Partnerships Policy (B.R. 07) to ensure that it is in conformity with the new Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline (CPPG).

D. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. Staff will post the approved updated Community Planning and Partnerships Policy to the TCDSB policy register.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Board rescind the current Facility Partnerships Policy.
- 2. That the Board approve B.R. 07 Community Planning and Partnership Policy, as found in *Appendix 'B'*.
- 3. That the Board approve the Application for Interest in Establishing Community Planning and Partnership, as found in *Appendix 'C'*.