



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WARD 2 CANADA 150 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

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 uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Grant the Toronto Catholic District School Board received for the improvement of the sports field at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School, located at 32 Montgomery Road. The \$304,193 received through this program will cover approximately 33 percent of the cost of the field replacement project, with the Board contribution identified in the Renewal Plan approved on February 15, 2017. As per the requirements associated with this funding, the project must be materially completed by March 2018.

In order to access the funds, the Board is required to pass a resolution as noted in Section C, Comment 2 below. As such, the report recommends acceptance of Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program funding of \$304,193 for the improvement of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School Sports Field.

B. BACKGROUND

1. The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program is part of the Federal Government program celebrating the 150th anniversary of Confederation in 2017. The program is being delivered by regional development agencies - Federal Economic Development Agency of Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) is responsible for all projects within the City of Toronto.
2. The Federal Government committed additional funding over two years to renovate, expand and improve existing community and cultural infrastructure such as community centres, museums, parks and arenas where families can play together, where neighbours can meet, and where Canadians can celebrate the many cultures that make Canada so diverse.
3. While funding recipients could receive up to 50 percent of total eligible project costs, priority was given to applicants requiring only 33 percent of these costs, as well as to smaller-scoped projects to ensure broad program reach and ensure that projects can be completed within the program timeframe of March 2018.
4. In June 2016, the TCDSB submitted two applications requesting 33 percent of total eligible project costs to improve the existing sports fields at St.

Patrick Catholic Secondary School (\$367,198) and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School (\$304,193). Both field projects had committed Board funding as part of the Renewal Plan, and would be able to be fully completed by March 2018.

5. In December 2016, staff were notified verbally by FedDev Ontario that the TCDSB application for the improvement of the sports field at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School was approved for funding. While the Board received \$304,193 for Our Lady of Sorrows, the TCDSB request for St. Patrick was unsuccessful.

C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. On February 2, 2017, Board staff were notified that a Contribution Agreement for the Our Lady of Sorrows Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program project must be executed and returned to FedDev Ontario by February 9, 2017. The signed Contribution Agreement was submitted on February 8, 2017.
2. Furthermore, FedDev Ontario notified staff that in order to begin accessing the funds, the TCDSB must provide a copy of the Board resolution approving the acceptance of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program funding for the Our Lady of Sorrows project.

The Board resolution must reference the following information:

- The approval to the contribution agreement for funding under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program;
 - The name of the project; and
 - The funding amount approved under the program.
3. The TCDSB funds to proceed with the project were approved as part of the Renewal Plan adopted by the Corporate Services Committee on February 15, 2017. The field improvements are scheduled to take place during the summer of 2017, and as such, it is imperative that the Board have access to the Canada 150 monies as soon as possible.

4. Board staff will ensure that the project is completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreement.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve the Contribution Agreement for funding of \$304,193 under the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program for the improvement of the sports field at Our Lady of Sorrow Catholic School.