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To: Regular Board Meeting – November 16, 2017

From: Sal Piccininni, Trustee, Ward 3

Subject: Consideration of Motion – Community Hub Partnership with Villa Charities

Whereas: On December 19, 2012 a memorandum of understanding was signed between the TCDSB and Villa Charities to enter into a joint venture/community hub project to replace Dante Alighieri Academy

Whereas: Trustees approved this partnership with the understanding that both the Villa Columbo community, specifically Columbus Centre, and the school community were in agreement with this joint venture

Whereas: very little communication or community engagement has taken place over the 5 years since on the status of the project

Whereas: vocal opposition to the project by the greater community, local residents and consumers of the Columbus Centre facilities, who do not support moving forward with any major changes or updates to the building and site that involve the demolition of the Centre

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: upon the completion of the public consultation by January 31, 2018, a report shall be delivered to a full meeting of the Board, within 30 days from that date, attached with a final recommendation that includes the framework for construction and anticipated timelines, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: should the outcome of the public consultation not document overwhelming support for the redevelopment of the Villa Charities site, the TCDSB will no longer pursue the partnership with Villa Charities Inc. and instead proceed with the building of Dante Alighieri Academy Catholic Secondary School on the property presently owned by the Board.