



TO: Regular Board Meeting – November 16, 2017

MOVED BY: Trustee Jo-Ann Davis

SECONDED BY: Trustee Maria Rizzo

TOPIC: **Joint School Boards / City working committee – Changing how Education Development Charges (EDCs) can be used**

WHEREAS: One of the TCDSB's multi-year strategic plans goals is "to establish integrated decision-making structures to support responsive and responsible allocation of resources.";

WHEREAS: TCDSB aims to provide Catholic Education which responds to the needs of our local Communities;

WHEREAS: Finding available new sites that are large enough to construct a new elementary or secondary school in the city of Toronto is extremely difficult;

WHEREAS: Education Development Charges (EDCs) are imposed by a school board to support the expansion of school capacity in neighbourhoods where existing capacity cannot meet the added demand for student places that is expected with development;

WHEREAS: Currently Education Development Charges (EDCs) can only be used to purchase land – and for costs to students and service the land in preparation - for a new school site or additional land for a site in a community where demand exceeds available space. EDCs, however, cannot be used to construct a new school on that land or to construct a needed addition to an existing school; and

WHEREAS: Given the limited public dollars available to construct new, and maintain existing, schools, the ways in which EDCs can be used to meet local demand needs to be expanded for school boards.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A joint Toronto school boards / City of Toronto adhoc working committee with both relevant senior staff and trustee representation be created with the aim of jointly advocating to the Ministry of Education for changes to EDC Regulation (OR 20/98) which allow school boards to better meet their local capacity needs, by March, 2018.

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