

City-School Boards Advisory Committee: Update from Working Group on Site Planning Approvals Process All Wards

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Current Initiatives

1. Development of a Site Plan Control Approval Protocol for New Schools
2. Establishment of a Senior Planner Position to Coordinate and Facilitate School Projects
3. Bringing the Ministry of Education to the Table as it Relates to Toronto's Development Standards
4. Reviewing Landscaping Standards



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1. Development of a Site Plan Control Approval Protocol for New Schools
 - A working group of City staff and all Boards was established to create protocol to apply to all Boards
 - Four meetings have taken place
 - First DRAFT Protocol was circulated in July
 - Comments from City staff and two Boards received
 - With receipt of outstanding comments revised version will be prepared for discussion at next working group meeting to finalize protocol



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2. Establishment of a Senior Planner Position to Coordinate and Facilitate School Projects
 - Idea put forward by TDSB and supported by City
 - Over complement position approved by DCM in April and to be funded by Boards
 - Job description prepared in late April
 - City advised by TDSB in writing that they are the only Board prepared to fund the position in July
 - In October TDSB agrees to proceed with the funding of the position as outlined subject to contract details



Current Initiatives

- 3 Bringing the Ministry of Education (MOE) to the Table as it Relates to Toronto's Development Standards
 - Toronto Council has adopted policies, By-laws and green development standards to achieve higher standards of sustainable development
 - MOE has province wide funding formula which may not fully recognize the standards required in Toronto
 - Working group to organize a meeting with MOE to update them on the current standards required in Toronto



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4. Reviewing Landscaping Standards
 - The provision and maintenance of landscaping on new school sites is an issue
 - Securities provided to the City cannot be released unless landscaping is constructed and maintained in accordance with approved plans
 - Working group exploring possibility of having a design session of experts to review appropriate landscape material and sustainable methods of maintenance



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