

Consideration of Motion from Trustee Rizzo

Re: Public Disclosure and Future Plans for the Property at 25 Good Shepherd Court (formerly owned by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd)

WHEREAS: the TCDSB purchased approximately three acres of land at the municipal address known as 25 Good Shepherd Court from the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and the transaction closed in November 2017; and

WHEREAS: The Sisters of the Good Shepherd were planning to remain on the property for a minimum of ten years but decided to vacate early (November 2017); and

WHEREAS: this land was not included in the joint venture with the intergenerational community hub with Villa Charities and the Toronto Catholic District School Board as the board did not anticipate the early departure of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd; and

WHEREAS: the land purchase of 25 Good Shepherd Court was funded through Education Development Charges (EDC's) and the sole purpose of EDC funds is to provide for the present/future educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS: EDC funds can only be used to purchase land in residential growth areas across the city and the Dufferin/Lawrence area is experiencing significant residential development and is an eligible growth area; and

WHEREAS: neither tax payers' money nor provincial grants for education were used to purchase 25 Good Shepherd Court; and

WHEREAS: the TCDSB has been accused of keeping the purchase of land from the Sisters of the Good Shepherd "secret" and the property has since closed; and

WHEREAS: the TCDSB is accountable to the public and must be open and transparent while abiding by legislation in the Education Act; and

WHEREAS: local politicians and the public want an explanation as to the purpose of purchasing the land at 25 Good Shepherd Court and disclose what it will be used for; and

WHEREAS: there is a house as well as the main building on this site; and

WHEREAS: there has been no community consultation regarding the short or long term plans and use of the building(s)/site; and

WHEREAS: the community has been informed that the plans and use of 25 Good Shepherd Court will provide for community consultation; and

WHEREAS: the site has been used for Board business and functions without community consultation or board approval; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the costs by the TCDSB for the consultants Maximum City and Dillon Consulting (independent facilitators for community consultation of the joint use facility with Columbus Centre Dante Alighieri Catholic Academy) be publicly disclosed and reported on the TCDSB website.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Education report to Board on the following:

- (A) Purpose of purchasing 25 Good Shepherd Court;
- (B) Options for short and long term uses of the property at 25 Good Shepherd Court

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that upon completion of the Director's report to Board that a community advisory committee be established that will include the local trustee, MPP and Councillor; members of the school communities; and nearby residents to review, advise and recommend short and long term plans for the site located at 25 Good Shepherd Court.

**Maria Rizzo,
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