

Special Meeting

January 22, 2024

A special meeting was convened at 7:12 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2024 in the Boardroom, 5050 Yonge Street and by electronic means, in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#), with Rachel Chernos Lin, presiding.

The following members were present: Trustees Michelle Aarts, Rachel Chernos Lin, Alexis Dawson, Matias de Dovitiis, Sara Ehrhardt, Malika Ghous, Dennis Hastings, Debbie King, Shelley Laskin, Dan MacLean, Patrick Nunziata, Zakir Patel, Weidong Pei, Yalini Rajakulasingam, Farzana Rajwani, Neethan Shan, Anu Sriskandarajah, Deborah Williams and Manna Wong.

Regrets were received from Trustees Liban Hassan, James Li and Alexandra Lulka Rotman.

The meeting was a hybrid model with Trustees Chernos Lin, Dawson, de Dovitiis, Ehrhardt, Hastings, Maclean, Pei and Shan participating in person, and other trustees present participating by electronic means, in accordance with [amendments to Section 7 of Ontario Regulations 463/97, Electronic Meetings](#).

1. Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to consider a private personnel matter.

2. Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interest

No matters to report

3. Advocating for a Youth-friendly City Budget

The matter, introduced by Trustees Laskin and Chernos Lin, on behalf of Student Trustee Bell, was deemed as emergency business and added to the agenda

Trustee Chernos Lin, seconded by Trustee Laskin, moved:

Whereas, the Toronto Youth Cabinet (TYC) is the City of Toronto's official youth advocacy body established by Toronto City Council, with the mandate of advocating on behalf of Toronto's over 623,000 youth; and

Whereas, the City of Toronto has released its draft 2024 Budget, and is inviting the public to comment throughout the month of January; and

Whereas, the TDSB Board of Trustees last year endorsed the Toronto Youth Cabinet's Statement on Prioritizing Youth in Toronto's 2023 Budget; and

Whereas, youth unemployment rates continue to rise, and Toronto and the GTA are seeing increased youth violence; and

Whereas, Toronto continues to need increased youth programming and support for community organizations for children and youth; and

Whereas, the Toronto Youth Cabinet held numerous budget consultations engaging hundreds of youth across Toronto on what they would like to see in the budget; and

Whereas, in acknowledging the City of Toronto's budget constraints, it is crucial that Toronto's youth are prioritized and meaningfully supported in the 2024 Budget to ensure the long-term prosperity of Toronto;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That the Chair send a joint statement with the Toronto Youth Cabinet to the Mayor of Toronto and Toronto City Councillors focusing on the prioritization of youth in the Toronto Budget;**
- (b) That the statement include the following:**
 - i. make note of the exceptional challenges faced by children and youth in Toronto, as well as the critical importance of investments that are required to support their well-being so that all children and youth achieve their full potential;**
 - ii. call on the Mayor and all members of City Council to prioritize youth in the 2024 Budget, requesting that they make necessary and urgent investments in children and youth;**
 - iii. highlight particular areas where efforts and investment are essential, including youth employment, youth hubs, transit affordability, mental health, transitional housing for youth experiencing homelessness, and community safety;**
- (c) That, should the Toronto Catholic District School Board decide to also support a similar motion, this statement be issued jointly with their board and Toronto Youth Cabinet as well;**
- (d) That Toronto's City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be copied on the correspondence in part (a).**

The motion was carried.

4. Resolution Into Committee of the Whole (Private)

At 7:29 p.m., on motion of Trustee Sriskandarajah, seconded by Trustee de Dovitiis, the special meeting resolved into Committee of the Whole (Private) to consider matters on the private agenda of the Committee of the Whole.

5. Reconvene

At 8:11 p.m., the special meeting reconvened.

6. Report of the Committee of the Whole (Private), Report No. 241, January 22, 2024 (see page 5)

Trustee Sriskandarajah, seconded by Trustee Laskin, moved: **That Report No. 241 of the Committee of the Whole (Private) be adopted.**

The motion was carried.

7. Adjournment

At 8:12 p.m., on motion of Trustee King, seconded by Trustee Shan, the meeting adjourned.

Rachel Chernos Lin
Chair

Confirmed by the Board at the meeting held on
January 22, 2024

Rachel Chernos Lin, Chair of the Board

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Committee of the Whole, Report No. 241, January 22, 2024

Committee of the Whole (Private)
Report No. 241, January 22, 2024

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1. Private Personnel Matter

The Committee considered a private personnel matter (as shown in the private minutes of the Committee of the Whole).

The Committee of the Whole (Private) **RECOMMENDS** that private personnel matter be adopted.

Adopted on January 22, 2024 (see page 3)