



Davisville Junior Public School and Spectrum Alternative Senior School - Approval to Proceed

To: Special Finance, Budget and Enrolment Committee

Date: 20 February, 2019

Report No.: 02-19-3593

Strategic Directions

- a) Allocate Human and Financial Resources Strategically to Support Student Needs
- b) Build Strong Relationships and Partnerships Within School Communities to Support Student Learning and Well-Being

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- a) the new Davisville Junior Public School and Spectrum Alternative Senior School construction project be approved to proceed, as outlined in the report; and
- b) the Board authorize the use of \$1,965,509 of Proceeds of Disposition to fund the project.

Context

The Board received Ministry of Education (EDU) approval for the demolition and replacement of Davisville Junior Public School and Spectrum Alternative Senior School on 26 February 2018. This is a joint project with the City of Toronto, who will be building a future aquatic centre on the site. As part of this project the City of Toronto agreed to provide additional funding to support an expanded gym, costs related to site restrictions and underground parking.

The resulting funding approved at that time was:

Funding	Amount
Full Day Kindergarten	\$1,272,782
Capital Priorities	\$13,588,766
Capital Priorities – Demolition Costs	\$3,032,638
Child Care	\$2,594,993
Total Ministry Funding	\$20,489,179
Municipal Funding	\$6,800,000
Total Funding Available	\$27,289,179

The project was tendered to determine a general contractor for the project and determine an accurate quote to construct the school. On 10 October 2018, a report was submitted to the Planning and Priorities Committee to approve the general contractor, subject to acquiring additional funding from both the City of Toronto and EDU along with the Approval to Proceed from EDU. The costs for the overall project were identified, including demolition to be \$34,540,457.

Staff worked with the City of Toronto to secure additional funding for their portion of the costs. The City of Toronto approved an additional \$1,535,000 to support the project.

Staff resubmitted a revised business case to EDU asking for additional funds and approval to proceed with construction. The business case also requested an additional five classrooms to accommodate additional student enrolment pressures resulting from new residential development applications and from new information on development potential in the area coming from the City’s recently completed study, Midtown in Focus.

On 15 February 2019, the EDU approved the funding for the project as outlined below:

Funding	Amount
Previous Funding Announced	\$27,289,179
Capital Priorities – Unique site Costs	\$3,746,774
Proceeds of Disposition	\$1,965,509
City of Toronto Additional Funding	\$1,535,000
Total Funding Available	\$34,536,462

The EDU also provided Approval to Proceed for this project. EDU has not provided funding at this time for the five additional classrooms. Staff continues to discuss this issue with EDU.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

Staff will work with the general contractor and the City of Toronto to develop construction timelines based on these approvals.

Resource Implications

As outlined above.

Communications Considerations

Not applicable.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

Not applicable.

Appendices

Not applicable.

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