

Major Capital Projects Status Update Report for October 2021, including CVRIS Projects

- Major Capital Projects are defined as new school construction or major additions, including childcare additions.
- Project status update information is provided to the Board in two semi-annual reports, spring and fall.
- Appendix A of the report provides the project status update of all the approved capital projects, including childcare additions.





Update since the previous report of April 2021

- Approval of the construction for the new [Bloor Collegiate Institute and Alpha Alternative](#) replacement school (Ward 9).
- Revised funding and approval to proceed with the demolition of the existing [Dennis Avenue Community School](#) (Ward 6).
- Approval to proceed with construction of the addition and five-room childcare at [Terry Fox Public School](#) (Ward 20).
- Completion of the new [Davisville and Alpha Alternative school](#) (Ward 8), the school is now operational. The childcare located in the school will open in January 2022.



2021 Capital Priorities Submission

- Every year, Boards may submit up to ten capital priority requests for approval and funding to the Ministry of Education.
- Ministry approves between 1 to 3 projects per Board/year.
- In May 2021, the Board approved the top ten Capital Priority projects for submission.

Priority Ranking & Name of School:			
1	Lower Yonge Precinct Elementary	6	Regent Heights PS
2	Consolidated 1,300pp Secondary School at York Memorial CI	7	St. Margaret's PS
3	Davisville Jr. PS (Addition):	8	Secord PS
4	Poplar Road Jr. PS (Guildwood PARC)	9	West Donlands Elementary
5	Elizabeth Simcoe Jr. PS (Guildwood PARC)	10	705 Progress Elementary

Project Timelines

As noted in the report, upon receiving EDU approval of a capital project, there are many other steps required before construction can begin:

- School & community consultation in the design and if required, options to temporarily relocate students during construction.
- Completion of the drawings and specification.
- Submit for City's Site Plan Approval (SPA) process, followed by application for building permit.
- Ministry Approval to Proceed (ATP) to tender at 85% completion of the design + submission of a revised cost estimate, which typically identifies extra-ordinary costs associated with the site and/or SPA requirements.
- Board tendering and approval process for award of the construction contract.
- Demolition of existing building, if necessary.


Project Timelines and Construction Costs

Many school boards continue to struggle to build within the EDU construction benchmark for new schools/major additions – factors include:

- Benchmark does not reflect current material and labour costs, or the volume of construction in Ontario.
- Additional cost pressure of building in busy, urban context such as Toronto – site access and impact of smaller sites.
- Cost of unforeseen conditions associated with the site (i.e. poor soils), or through the City's SPA process (such as Toronto Green Standards) – although TDSB has received additional Capital Priorities funding for extraordinary costs.
- On-going impact of the pandemic on supply chain/manufacturing.



Impact on Timelines

- Boards must seek EDU approval to proceed to tender.
 - EDU approval is required to utilize Proceeds of Disposition, to fund capital overages.
 - In April 2021, the Board approved up to \$21.4 M. of funding for capital overages, including 17 childcare additions – all are awaiting EDU final approval.
 - In March 2021, EDU committed to an “accountability process with the intent to identify opportunities to help expedite responses to school boards”.
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Update on Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Funding (CVRIS)

- The projects must promote occupant health and safety, improve facility conditions, enhance physical distancing and facilitate distance learning.
 - 80% of this funding is from Federal government, and 20% by the Provincial government.
 - On May 7, 2021, TDSB received approval for \$81.6M for total of 1,016 projects.
 - [Appendix B](#) provides a breakdown of the project types.
 - [Appendix C](#) provides a list of all projects by Ward/School.
- Original deadline of December 31, 2021 has been extended to December 31, 2023.
 - If the actual cost of the project bundles are lower than the approved amounts, school boards can submit a request for additional project items within the bundle to fully utilize the approved funding.
 - New projects will be submitted as alternatives for cancelled work, or if there is additional funding available.



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