Name of Committee: Community Use of Schools Community Advisory Committee (CUSCAC)

Meeting Date: **January 14, 2025**

Notes

Attendance via Zoom Meeting:

Sara Ehrhardt, Ward 15 Trustee (Co-Chair); **Judy Gargaro**, Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra (Co-Chair); **Zakir Patel**, Ward 19 Trustee; **Susan Fletcher**, SPACE; **Nicolas Hurtado**, North Toronto Soccer Club Nitros/Kicks; **Dennis Keshinro**, Belka Enrichment;; **Heather Mitchell**, Community Sport Collective; **Jessica Murphy**, LiftED; **Adib Razavi,** Strong Play Canada**; Andres Tucci Clarke**, Sistema Toronto Academy; **Alex Viliansky**, Felix Swim School; **Edmund Wang**, Scarborough Mandarin Parents Association**; Graham Welsh**, Toronto Sports Social Club; **Jonathan Wood**, Toronto Accessible Sports Council.

Also present were: **Dennis Hastings**, Ward 1 Trustee; **Maia Puccetti**, Executive Officer, Facilities and Planning; **Monday Gala**, Superintendent of Education, FOS21; **Jonathan Grove**, Senior Manager, Operations, Maintenance and Community Use; **Shirley Adderley**, Regional Manager, Central Services; **Ndaba Njobo**, Manager, Facility Issues and System Liaison; **Ugonma Ekeanyanwu**, Facility Permitting Coordinator; **Jenesse James**, Executive Assistant, Facilities and Planning.

The following guests participated by electronic means: Hanna Bezsmertny, Desna Ukrainian Dance; Abdel Elmaadaw, TIRF; Sam Glazer, Congregation Beth Haminyan; Susan Orellana, Jack of Sports Foundation; Fernanda Pisani, CTS Community Swim; Helen Shumilova, Ukrainians in North York.

Regrets:

Dave McNee, Quantum Sports and Learning Association; Patrick Rutledge, Big League Book Club.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS
Call to Order / Quorum / Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands	The meeting was called to order by Judy Gargaro at 8:00 a.m.	Susan Fletcher

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		Heather Mitchell
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved	Alex Viliansky Jonathan Wood
Approval of Minutes: November 12, 2024	The minutes were approved	Heather Mitchell Graham Welsh
Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests	Nil	
Delegations	Nil	
<u>Permit Unit Update</u> • Update on ongoing items ○ Staff Update	• The permits department opened applications for March Break camps on January 13th. These camps are available exclusively to Parks and Recreation in LNSP schools. A significant number of requests have already been received. The Permits Dept is preparing to open applications for outdoor field permits with the target date set for January 31, 2025. A request has been made for a list of fields that will be unavailable, and this information will be posted on the website.	

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		Action Items:
○ Can rates the City pays for permits be shared?	• Deferred to February 2025	
○ Permit rate increases: staff report to be presented and discussed at the Feb. 12, 2025, Planning and Priorities Committee meeting.	• Staff continues the effort to model a package of recommendations that includes caretaking charges, LNSP subsidy, pool fee charges, and year-over-year cost recovery validation process. All details will be shared with the Permit Fee Working Group ahead of the January 30th meeting to allow sufficient time for review. There was discussed about the timing of the fee increases balancing administrative requirements through eBase, spreading out the impact for the permit users and the requirement to balance the deficit from permit use. There was a question about the potential impact of summer construction projects on permit use. This will be available in February, it was noted that registration for some summer programs has already started creating the possibility of spaces that have already be planned for not being available.	

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Committee Goal Related 2024/25:		
• Review of Committee policy and procedures	• Community Advisory Committee (CAC) review by standing committee has been deferred to Spring 2025. This follows recommendations and responses from trustees to staff after reviewing the first three committees. The timeline for when CUSCAC will be reviewed remains unclear, but it will follow the spring CAC review report. There is concern that PR-666 was not brought to this Committee for discussion. The existing review structure was criticized for being perfunctory. This issue was raised by several community co-chairs in the December CAC meeting. The review process was seen as more of a checkbox exercise than a genuine consultation.	
• Budget matters	• No updates	
• How can we be more strategic about CUS?	• Deferred until the CAC review is complete.	
<u>Outstanding Action Items</u> • Pools Working Group Update	• In connection with PR-666 and considering the recent	**Action Items:**

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○ Maintenance Schedule and Renewal Project integration	fee increases, it was suggested that there should be an opportunity to review the current pool temperature range of 78-82°F. Staff will take this back for further review and consideration. The report detailing major pool repairs will be available in February.	
○ Update from TDSB Pool Committee	• No Updates	
○ Update on TLC audit report; TDSB audit	• Deferred to April 2025	
• Exterior Facilities Working Group Update ○ Cricket fields	• Deferred to Spring 2025	
• Communication and Website Working Group Update	• Deferred to March 2025	
• Community Co-Chair election	• Judy Gargaro was unanimously appointed to Co-chair for the 2025-27 two-year term.	

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Trustee Update	At the January 9th meeting of FBEC, a report was presented detailing the status of reserve funds. As of August 31, 2024, the balance of the Artificial Turf Fund was $1 million. Once these reserves are depleted, costs for artificial turf and other related expenses will be added to the operating costs and may contribute to the operating deficit. Clayton La Touche has been appointed as the new TDSB Director of Education, effective February 10, 2025. The Trustee highlighted that the Ontario Budget Consultation process has commenced. The deadline to participate is February 3, 2025. There is an online survey available where education can be addressed, although community use of schools is not explicitly mentioned. Participants can select "other" and reference community use of public space. There is also an option to submit a written submission through the ministry's process. The TDSB Budget website has been updated to include infographics highlighting budget pressures and	Link to the Ontario Budget Consultations webpage Link to TDSB Budget

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	referencing support for community use of schools through permits. The website also includes key dates for finance and budget meetings.	Webpage
Other Business	No other business	
Next Meeting Date	Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.	
Adjournment	Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 9:10 a.m.	Susan Fletcher Graham Welsh