

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

Meeting Date: September 10, 2024

Notes

Attendance via Zoom Meeting:

Heather Mitchell, Toronto Sports Council (Acting Co-Chair); **Sara Ehrhardt**, Ward 15 Trustee (Co-Chair); **Susan Fletcher**, SPACE; **Patrick Rutledge**, Big League Book Club; **Susan Orellana**, Jack of Sports Foundation; **Andres Tucci Clarke**, Sistema Toronto Academy; **Alex Viliansky**, Felix Swim School; **Graham Welsh**, Toronto Sports Social Club; **Adib Razavi**, Strong Play Canada; **Jonathan Wood**, Toronto Accessible Sports Council.

Also present were: **Dennis Hastings**, Ward 1 Trustee; **Dan MacLean**, Ward 2 Trustee; **Deborah Williams**, Ward 10 Trustee; **Maia Puccetti**, Executive Officer of Facilities and Planning; **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; **Meenu Jhamb**, Administrative Assistant, Operations, Maintenance and Community Use.

The following guests participated by electronic means: **Elizabeth Lukie**, Hutt Piano Class; **Terence Phillips**, PSASC/PBAA; **Nick Hurtado**, North Toronto Soccer Club; **Carmine Grisolia**, Edgely Soccer Club; **Sam Glazer**, Congregation Beth Haminyan; **Abdel Elmaadawi**, Toronto Inner-City Rugby Foundation; **Melvin John**, GTA 19-Women's Cricket Association; **Alykhan Ladak**, Quantum Sports and Learning Association (for Dave McNee).

Regrets:

Zakir Patel, Ward 19 Trustee; Judy Gargaro, Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra (Co-Chair); Dennis Keshinro, Belka Enrichment; Dave McNee, Quantum Sports and Learning Association; Jessica Murphy, The Leacock Foundation; Jessica Murphy, Leacock Foundation.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS
Call to Order / Quorum / Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order by Heather Mitchell at 8:01 a.m. 	
Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The agenda was approved 	Alex Viliansky Susan Orellana
Approval of Minutes: June 11, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes were approved 	Jonathan Wood Alex Viliansky
Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil 	
Delegations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nil 	
<u>Permit Unit Update</u> Update on ongoing items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication flowcharts for after school permits (when review Procedure) Can rates the City pays for permits be shared? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The communication flowchart is completed; the flowchart cannot be attached to the procedure; a discussion will be undertaken when the Policy P011 is reviewed This is not a permit; rather, it's an agreement between TLC and the City, so TLC would need to provide this information 	Action Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maia will invite TLC to provide an update

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on schools affected by construction • Permit rate increase: update from working group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regarding what the City pays for permits, how is that included in the budgeting for the expenses and income? • Nothing new to update, but staff can provide an update to identify which projects are extending into the fall and possibly the winter • A key focus is ensuring that changes in fees do not disproportionately impact any group while maintaining equity in those changes. The goal is to develop a fee structure that reflects true costs without generating additional revenue for the TDSB. This structure must align with the community use schools grant from the Ministry of Education and ultimately help address a budget shortfall of \$3.2 million. Committee members are concerned about caretaking overtime costs, especially on weekends, and how these relate to multiple permits at facilities. Planning timelines for organizations are crucial, as they budget based on anticipated fee increases. There are questions about how caretaking costs will be equitably distributed 	<p style="text-align: center;">concerning the City rates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Working Group will provide an update at October's CUSCAC meeting

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	<p>among different groups using the same facilities. The Community use of Schools Calculator tool may offer a solution for creating a fair fee structure, and clarification on its current use is needed.</p>	
<p>Committee Goal Related</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report of schools with zero permits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported in April. Except for early closing schools which have no caretaking after 6 pm or 8 pm, most schools have permits. Since the April report, there were seven permits, but at this time, the early closing schools consistently show no permits when reports are run. Fields are separate from indoors and as such, can be permitted separately 	
<p>Outstanding Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pools Working Group Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A list of pools scheduled for regular maintenance this fall is being finalized, and closures will last a couple of weeks. These closures are already factored in through the Permits department. Unexpected issues during maintenance may extend shutdowns. The finalized list will be shared with Trustees and to the system leaders. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from TDSB Pool Committee • Update on TLC Pool Audit Report; TDSB audit (TBD) • Exterior Facilities Working Group Update • Cricket fields 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustees are receiving questions about pool closures due to maintenance and it would be helpful to have an update. • Reports by TLC are in the final vetting stage by consultant • No issues to report from the Exterior Facilities and Communication Working groups • No feedback from the working group received; will follow up on the City-TDSB Committee Meeting that took place in June 2024 	<p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will compile a comprehensive list of updates to help Trustees answer questions from their communities. • Simon Hewitt from TLC will be invited to give a verbal summary at the October committee meeting • Simon will also be asked to provide an update regarding cricket fields

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication and website Working Group Update <p>Committee Goal for 2023-24: To understand and increase permit use of TDSB schools to optimize community programming in publicly accessible spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review for Committee Policy and procedures (Fall 2024) Budget matters How can we be more strategic about CUS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIL report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual organizations are encouraged to lobby their MP, MPP for community use of school funding at the local Provincial level 	
<p>Trustee Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This year has seen several shifts: a succession of three Education Ministers, the impending retirement of our current Director of Education, and other planned retirements among executive staff. The board has also reorganized its structure to better serve its communities. A special Finance committee meeting in March addressed the ongoing budget deficit, with a multi-year recovery plan presented to the Ministry of Education, including \$5 million in operational savings by 2025-26. Upcoming reports will cover community 	<p>Action Item:</p> <p>Staff will share map of new Learning Centres/FOS</p> <p>If committee members are interested in more information, please contact Sara.Ehrhardt@tdsb.on.ca</p>

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	use of board facilities and updates on pools, with discussions on permit fees expected later this fall.	
Next Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. 	
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9:27 a.m. 	Heather Mitchell Graham Welsh