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Davisville School Council Building and Land Use Committee (BLU)

Attn: Wendy Crawford, Co-Chair

Dear Wendy:

Thanks for your e-mail of February 4, 2011 with questions and concerns raised at the BLU Committee. Below, please find answers provided by Sheila Penny, Director, Strategic Building and Renewal.

1. Will the discovery session be a single session with all public partners at one table or will they be conducted separately with each partner?

The Discovery Session is planned for a session with all public sector partners invited.

2. Will BLU have representation at the Discovery session(s) with public partners?

We will confirm details and invited list closer to the event.

3. Can you suggest some schools that the Davisville parents could visit to get a sense of what new builds now look like under the TDSB?

Thomas Wells (new elementary school); Claude Watson (new elementary school - funded by development); and NTCl (even though this is a secondary school it will demonstrate how a school can be integrated into development). We can also showcase drawings for the new elementary school complex in the Railway lands, 2 schools, community center, child care center and residential development.

4. Is there anyway to find out who owns LCBO & rest of block?

Our staff have no information on this.

With regard to community concerns that the Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC) is already working on behalf of the TDSB, their mandate is clear – they do not get involved until directed so by the TDSB. For your information, I have added the emphasis to their mandate from their website.

The Toronto Lands Corporation was created in September 2007 and incorporated in April 2008 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Toronto District School Board. The TLC's mission is to maximize the Toronto District School Board's real estate revenues in order to reinvest in TDSB schools and students. **The TLC does this by working to maximize the income we gather on properties that the TDSB directs to us, both for lease management and for sale.**

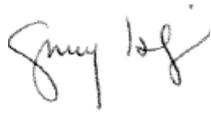
The real estate portfolio is managed within the context of community building in partnership with the TDSB. We recognize that these properties are vitally important to the communities in which they are located. The TLC has the experience and expertise to strive for and achieve a balance between maximizing revenues and meeting community-building objectives. [TLC](#)

To confirm, I received the following answer from Shirley Hoy, CEO, TLC in an e-mail received on February 7, 2011.

"... I can assure you that we are not taking any action with regard to potential redevelopment at Davisville because we have not yet been authorized by TDSB to take action. We do get calls from time to time, from developers, and organizations seeking space inquiring whether there will be redevelopment at Davisville. Our response is that we are waiting for directions from TDSB. Hope this clarifies current status."

I hope these answers help alleviate the community's concerns. I look forward to working with the Davisville/Metro Toronto School for the Deaf/Spectrum communities when the process regarding the potential redevelopment of the Davisville site begins in the spring. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me should additional questions arise.

Sincerely,



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