



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

Meeting Date: October 8, 2024

**Notes** 

### **Attendance via Zoom Meeting:**

Sara Ehrhardt, Ward 15 Trustee (Co-Chair); Judy Gargaro, Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra (Co-Chair); Susan Fletcher, SPACE; Dennis Keshinro, Belka Enrichment; Dave McNee, Quantum Sports and Learning Association; Heather Mitchell, Toronto Sports Council; Jessica Murphy, The Leacock Foundation; Susan Orellana, Jack of Sports Foundation; Adib Razavi, Strong Play Canada; Patrick Rutledge, Big League Book Club; Andres Tucci Clarke, Sistema Toronto Academy; Alex Viliansky, Felix Swim School; Graham Welsh, Toronto Sports Social Club; Jonathan Wood, Toronto Accessible Sports Council.

Also present were: **Dennis Hastings**, Ward 1 Trustee; **Louise Sirisko**, Associate Director, Student Learning and Equitable Outcomes; **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; **Louisa Ng**, Senior Permit Clerk; **Jenesse James**, Executive Assistant, Facilities and Planning.

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); Fernanda Pisani, CTS Community Swim; Arif Gilany, Camel Care Canada; Amy Stephenson, Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities; Nayan Brahmbhatt, Gujarati Group of Brampton; Jennifer Paredes, City of Toronto, Councillor Paul Ainslie's Office; Effa Archibong, West Hill Community; Liz Zur, Clinton School Parent Council Member; John Emore, Coach John Leadership & Community Engagement Initiative; Vlad Oladejo, Black Creek Community; Kuya Naredo, Urban Promise Toronto;

### Regrets:

Zakir Patel, Ward 19 Trustee



ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS
Call to Order / Quorum / Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands	The meeting was called to order by Judy Gargaro at 8:01 a.m.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved	Andres Tucci Clarke Susan Orellana
Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2024	The minutes were approved	Jonathan Wood Heather Mitchell
Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests	• Nil	
Delegations	• Nil	
Permit Unit Update  Update on ongoing items:  Update on ongoing items:  Can rates the City pays for permits be shared? (Finance and	Report from TLC deferred to next meeting.	Action Items:
TLC information required)  o Update on schools affected by construction	Schools affected by Construction information was provided in the agenda package.	A revised list will be provided in January 2025



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Permit rate increase: update from Working Group	<ul> <li>Following the Permit Fees Working Group meeting several times over the summer, a report with recommendations for mitigating the deficit while minimising fee increases will be discussed at PPC on October 30, 2024. A presentation was given to further detail the principles used in the decision making, the history of the funding given to school boards (previously the GSN, now the Core Education Funding), and to bring focus on the areas where there are most likely to be adjustment to fees.</li> <li>The draft recommendations propose that:         <ol> <li>pool permit rates increase over 2 years to be in line with the TLC pool permit rates;</li> <li>LNSP permits being allocated to the A1 permit fee category;</li> <li>a percentage of the caretaking overtime costs to be added to weekend permits;</li> <li>more work be conducted to figure out what the percentage needs to be; and</li> <li>overall fee increase be spread over two years. The percentage of increase still to be determined. There will also need to be a review of who is eligible for A1 and A2 permit rates.</li> </ol> </li> <li>There was discussion about the need for advocacy at the government level to ensure that CUS is properly</li> </ul>	Members wishing to engage in joint advocacy can reach out to spacecoalitionon@gmail.com  Staff will request an extension on the report deadline to allow for a January 2025 submission.



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<ul> <li>CUSCAC members had prepared a motion regarding the draft recommendations to have the report shared with CUSCAC before it was provided to Trustees at the October 30<sup>th</sup> PPC meeting. Executive Officer Puccetti pointed out that CUSCAC's motion would arrive at the same meeting as the Permit Fee report and furthermore, that staff do not typically share reports intended for a standing committee before Trustees have had a chance to receive the report. To provide CUSCAC with sufficient time to review the report, staff explained that the report would follow a process involving two submissions. The first submission would be a For Information report sent to October's PPC meeting in order to receive feedback from Trustees. The second submission would seek Trustee approval of the staff recommendations at the following PPC meeting (post-meeting timeline notation: this Special Meeting of PPC is scheduled for December 4, 2024). This will provide an opportunity for CUSCAC members to discuss the final version of the recommendations at the November 12<sup>th</sup> CUSCAC meeting prior to the final recommendation report going to PPC.</li> </ul>	



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CAC Review for CUSCAC	special PPC meeting in early December, the final report will go to the Regular Meeting for final approval on December 11th. Changes to the Permit fee could be initiated in January 2025 or later (March 2025), subject to when there is Board approval of the recommendations. There was also the suggestion that the recommendations be discussed briefly at the CUSCAC AGM on November 26.  • There are tight timelines ahead of the next GPC meeting which is scheduled for October 16, 2024. Staff asks that any committee edits to the CAC Review for CUSCAC be submitted by the end of the week to allow sufficient time for the report to travel through the governance channels.	
<ul> <li>Committee Goal Related 2024/25:</li> <li>Review for Committee Policy and procedures (Fall 2024)</li> <li>Budget matters</li> <li>How can we be more strategic about CUS?</li> </ul>	No Update	



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Outstanding Action Items		Action Items:
<ul> <li>Pools Working Group Update</li> <li>Maintenance Schedule and Renewal Project integration</li> </ul>	No updates	
<ul> <li>Update from TDSB Pool Committee</li> </ul>	No updates	
<ul> <li>Update on TLC Pool Audit Report; TDSB audit (TBD)</li> </ul>	The Consultants engaged by TLC to take on the audit are finalizing the report. It will need to be reviewed by Facilities staff then Executive Council. It's anticipated that this committee will have an update on the report's contents at its December 2024 meeting.	
<ul> <li>Exterior Facilities Working Group Update</li> <li>Cricket fields</li> </ul>	No updates	
Communication and Website Working Group Update (deferred)	This working group will resume following the completion of the work being undertaken by the	



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<ul> <li>AGM Planning (Nov 26, 2024):         <ul> <li>Year B (Jan 2025 - Dec 2026):</li> <li>Arts and Hobbies, Faith-Based,</li> <li>Sports and Recreation, BIPOC,</li> <li>Youth, LGBTQ2S+, Additional</li> <li>Members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Permits Fees Working Group.  The AGM will be held in person in the Boardroom at 5050 Young Street. In-person attendance is required for voting eligibility. 7 out of 14 committee members are renewed each year to ensure continuity. All permit users have been invited, and to run for a committee position, attendees must have participated in at least one full meeting during the previous cycle.	Staff will include current committee members on the calendar invitation
Trustee Update	The Trustee anticipates the first report on the 2025-26 budget process will go before the October 22, 2024, FBEC meeting, marking the beginning of discussions on the budget structure amidst ongoing changes to permits. On the topic of TLC's pool audit report, PSSC has requested a separate pool update, though it remains unclear if the two reports will be merged. Finally, while the hiring process is underway for a new TDSB Director, Stacey Zucker is currently serving as Interim Director of Education.	
Other Business	The City School Boards Committee will be meeting virtually on Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am. Susan Fletcher will provide and update at the November CUSCAC Meeting	



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Next Meeting Date	Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.	
Adjournment	Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 9:49 a.m.	Susan Fletcher Patrick Rutledge