

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

**Meeting Date: November 12, 2024**

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; **Dave McNee**, Quantum Sports and Learning Association; **Heather Mitchell**, Community Sport Collective; **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; **Maia Puccetti**, Executive Officer, 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; **Louisa Ng**, Senior Permit Clerk; **Simon Hewitt**, Manager, Asset Management and Leasing (TLC), **Stephanie Harris**, Comptroller, Finance and Enterprise Risk Management; **Jenesse James**, Executive Assistant, Facilities and Planning.

The following guests participated by electronic means: Sanja Wirch, Silent Voice; Abdel Elmaadaw, TIRF; Amin Khalashi, PrimeStar Swim Academy; Amadou Deme, Community Member; Melvin John, GTA 19-Women’s Cricket Association; Chris Penrose, Lay-Up; Simon Easton, Seal Swimming; Lisa Grogan-Green, Go Green Youth Centre; Nicolas Hurtado, North Toronto Soccer.

**Regrets:**

Dennis Keshinro, Belka Enrichment; Monday Gala, Superintendent of Education, FOS21.

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Call to Order / Quorum / Acknowledgement	The meeting was called to order by Judy Gargaro at	

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of Traditional Lands	8:01 a.m.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved	Heather Mitchell Alex Viliansky
Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2024	The minutes were approved	Heather Mitchell Jonathan Wood
Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2024	The minutes were approved, pending the addition of a statement summarising the discussion which was undertaken at the meeting	Susan Fletcher Andres Tucci Clarke
Declarations of Possible Conflict of Interests	Nil	
Delegations	Nil	
<u>Permit Unit Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on ongoing items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can rates the City pays for permits be shared? (Finance and TLC information required)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Update: staff members are preparing for January's field permits and March Break.</li> <li>• The City of Toronto and TDSB have historically supported community recreation and services through shared use agreements for school facilities. The</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Permit rate increases: staff report to be presented and discussed</li> </ul>	<p>Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC) through the TDSB is in preliminary discussions with the City of Toronto to bring the historically static permit rates for expired shared use lease agreements up to current market rates. It was stated that there have been no annual CPI increases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Following the LNSP consultation held on Friday, November 8, 2024, concerns were raised about the incomplete nature of the consultation process and information provided, suggesting that this will hinder participants' ability to make informed decisions. Further, dissatisfaction was expressed with the survey, particularly regarding the options for funding and elimination of the LNSP program.</li> </ul> <p>Following a brief discussion of the staff report to be presented at the December 4, 2024, Planning and Priorities Committee, CUSCAC members brought forward the following motion: Therefore, be it resolved that CUSCAC members be sent the report as soon as it is available and that Community Co-Chair, Judy Gargaro, and/or another member or members as needed, be invited to speak to it at the Planning and Priorities Committee meeting that considers it.</p> <p>It is to be noted that staff has provided a lot of data at</p>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p>Staff will provide a revised report in early December for further discussion and review.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b></p> <p>Motion moved by Susan Fletcher, seconded by Andres Tucci Clarke. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Action Items:</b></p> <p>An additional Permit Fees</p>

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	<p>the request of this committee in order to provide context for the recommendations as well as the permit and subsidy usage.</p>	<p>Working Group meeting will be scheduled during the week of Nov 18</p>
<p>Committee Goal Related 2024/25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>	<p>Deferred to next meeting</p>	
<p><u>Outstanding Action Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Response to Education Funding Engagement Meeting Oct 21, 2024</li> <li>City School Boards Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CUSCAC's response was submitted to Executive Officers Puccetti and Snider on November 1, 2024. The response was appended to the Report that staff prepared for Trustees.</li> <li>The next meetings will be held on February 25 and June 18, 2025.</li> </ul> <p>The province's \$10-a-day childcare program is shifting spaces from schools for new programmes, potentially leaving schools with underused, unfunded spaces. This could strain school board budgets, making it harder to support community use, though it could also</p>	<p><b>Action Items:</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pools Working Group Update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maintenance Schedule and Renewal Project integration</li> <li>○ Update from TDSB Pool Committee</li> <li>○ Update on TLC Pool Audit Report; TDSB audit (TBD)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>free up gym space for nonprofits in the after-school period.</p> <p>Last July, the City offered drop-in engagement activities for youths aged 14-17 at 15 sites, with over half of those in TDSB schools. The City funded staffing, while TDSB and TCDSB provided the space at no charge but not through the permit community use budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> <li>• There are concerns from various groups about how to plan budgets with an expected significant fee increase in January, especially for pool users, who face a 25%+ increase plus caretaking fees. It was suggested the pool fee increase be deferred to a later date to give users more time to plan. It was also suggested that the increase be implemented gradually.</li> <li>• The engineering company performing the audit has nearly completed the reports, but they have not yet been received by staff. They are expected to be finalised by the end of November, after which TDSB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff will investigate whether it is possible to delay/spread out the increase of pool fees, noting the tight turnaround times for those affected.</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exterior Facilities Working Group Update               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cricket fields</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Communication and Website Working Group Update (deferred)</li>   <li>• AGM Planning (Nov 26, 2024):               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Year B (Jan 2025 - Dec 2026): Arts and Hobbies, Faith-Based, Sports and Recreation, BIPOC, Youth, LGBTQ2S+, Additional</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>and TLC staff will need additional time to review; therefore, consideration of this item will be deferred to the spring of 2025 (possibly April).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The City of Toronto, in collaboration with the TDSB, is working on a cricket master plan. The TDSB is also developing its own cricket master plan, led by Senior Manager Richard Christie, Sustainability, but it is still in progress. As part of the development of this plan, the TDSB is exploring potential school pitches that could be suitable for cricket.</li>   <li>• This working group will resume following the completion of the work being undertaken by the Permits Fees Working Group.</li>   <li>• To be eligible to run for committee membership, attendees must have attended at least one meeting prior to AGM.</li> </ul> <p>The AGM will include a welcome and brief presentation on the updated MYSP from Executive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once the Climate Action Report is complete, Sustainability Office staff will be asked to bring to this committee their findings on the topic of cricket pitches.</li> </ul>

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Members	Superintendent Diana Panagiotopoulos, a presentation on permit use data, and a discussion on potential fee increases and budget deficits.	
Trustee Update	<p>Trustees were presented with staff's permit fees report but voted against receiving it, an action which reflected their concerns over the proposals, despite understanding the deficit situation.</p> <p>The upcoming organisational meeting on November 13, 2024, will assign Trustees to committees, potentially changing CUSCAC's Trustee representation.</p> <p>The 2025-26 budget development schedule has been approved, with community information sessions yet to be scheduled.</p>	
Other Business	Co-Chair Gargaro will be asking another committee member to act as co-chair for the December 10, 2024, meeting as she will be absent.	
Next Meeting Date	Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 8:00 a.m.	
<b>Adjournment</b>	Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 9:59 a.m.	Andres Tucci Clarke Susan Fletcher



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