# Name of Committee: Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee (ESCAC)

**Meeting Date**: **October 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

A meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Community Advisory Committee convened on October 8, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing, with Trustee Manna Wong and Community Co-Chair Anne Keary presiding.

## Attendance via Zoom:

Anne Keary (Community Co-Chair), Manna Wong (Community Co-Chair), Minaz Asani (Parent), Phil Dawes (Community Member), Mieke Foster (Community Member), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Michael Green (Seniors for Climate Action Now), Dennis Hastings (Trustee, Ward 1), Kate Leuschen (Parent), Dan Maclean (Trustee, Ward 2), Linda Naccarato (Community Member), Erinn Reesor (Parent), Bob Spencer (Community Member); Sarah Urquhart (OISE).

Also present: Maurice Buonastella (TDSB), Richard Christie (TDSB), Kristen Evers (TDSB), Mary Kokinakis (TDSB), Mahnaz Mirkhond-Chegini (TDSB), Alicia Roberge (TDSB), Gigi Shanks (TDSB), Jenn Vetter (TDSB).

## Regrets:

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS** |
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| Welcome and Land Acknowledgment | * Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.
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| Introductions | * Co-Chairs Anne Keary and Manna Wong and Participants.
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| Approval of May 7, 2024 minutes | * Minutes approved, without comments.
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| 2024 Climate Action Report (Buildings Section)  | * A high-level overview of the draft building section was reviewed with ESCAC for consultation.
* In 2023-24 the Board of Trustees directed the Director to include in the 2024 annual climate action report, a plan for reducing the TDSB’s building related energy consumption by 20%, including timelines and resources.
* To achieve a 20% reduction in energy intensity, significant improvements are required across the following domains:
1. Building Automation
2. State of Good Repair (take a portion
3. LED Lighting Retrofits
4. Maintenance
5. Government & Utility Incentives
6. Achieve top tier energy performance targets for new schools
7. Staff and student engagement
8. Improve the management of information related to mechanical and electrical equipment in all buildings.
* The 2024 Climate Action report will include forecasted energy savings and expenditures.
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| ESCAC CAC Review | * A new review process for TDSB Community Advisory Committees was discussed at the June 2024 ESCAC meeting and an email was sent out to ESCAC members over the summer about the review process.
* Staff will be bringing a report to the Governance and Policy Committee (GPC) that reports on the CAC process as it pertains to ESCAC.
* This report was presented to GPC on October 16.
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| Policy Updates: * Toronto Hydro revenue policy that slows the development of school/community net metering with prohibitive fees

City of Toronto's community school garden support policy  | * Item deferred to next ESCAC meeting.
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| Member Updates/Announcements | * The annual TDSB EcoSchools/OISE Conference will be held at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre on October 30
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| **Adjournment** | * 8:04 pm
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