

## PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Physical Planning and Building Committee of the Peel District School Board, held in the Brampton Room, the H. J. A. Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario Street, Mississauga, Ontario on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 19:00 hours.

Members present:

David Green, Chair  
Carrie Andrews  
Susan Benjamin  
Robert Crocker  
Balbir Sohi

Trustees also present:

Sue Lawton  
Will Davies

Administration:

Randy Wright, Controller, Planning and Accommodation Support Services  
(Executive Member)

Tania Alatishe-Charles, Controller, Finance Support Services

Wendy Dowling, Associate Director, School Support Services

Jaspal Gill, Associate Director, Operational Support Services

Peter Joshua, Director of Education

Thomas Tsung, Controller, Corporate Support Services

Nicole Fernandes, Board Reporter

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Chair Green expressed appreciation and thanks to colleagues and staff who extended their sympathies on the passing away of his mother.

A revised agenda was circulated, with Item 9.1, Education Development Charges – Ministry Update re Legislative Changes, being added, and the agenda reordered.

PB-31, moved by Robert Crocker, that the agenda be approved.

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2/3rds' majority

### 2. Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

**3. Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, April 2, 2019**

PB-32, moved by Balbir Sohi, that the Minutes of the Physical Planning and Building Committee Meeting, held April 2, 2019, be approved.

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**4. Education Development Charges – Ministry Update re Legislative Changes**

Controller of Planning and Accommodation Support Services, Randy Wright, reported that, on May 2, 2019, the Ministry announced legislation under “More Homes, More Choice: Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan”, which outlines a variety of legislative, regulatory and policy changes, including changes to the Education Development Charges (EDC). Two conference calls were held on May 3, 2019 by the Ministry of Education, when a summary of the changes affecting the EDCs was highlighted. The changes are proposed to be effective November 1, 2019. Controller Wright outlined the summary of the major changes, which were: need to notify the Minister when purchasing or expropriating school sites, and the Minister can reject both; use of EDC funds for ‘alternate projects’ that are less costly than acquiring land for schools; localized education development agreements that would exempt developers from EDCs in exchange for accommodation provided to the Board through lease, real property, or other prescribed benefits to provide school space. He explained that details are not yet available regarding the alternate projects or localized education development agreements.

Controller Wright advised that the Ministry of Education is encouraging all board to approve and implement a new By-law. As the current By-law expires on July 1, 2019, he noted that there may be a need to amend the new By-law to comply with the legislative changes after November 1, 2019.

PB-33, moved by Susan Benjamin, that the report re Education Development Charges – Ministry Update re Legislative Changes, be received.

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**5. Education Development Charge By-Law Renewal 2019 - Update**

Suzanne Blakeman, Acting Manager, Planning and Enrolment, reported that on March 29, 2019, the Government amended the EDC legislation to lift the freeze imposed in the fall of 2018 with a provisional phase-in of proposed EDC rates. She noted that Board staff held a meeting in April 2019 with representatives of the Building Industry and Land Development (BILD) and other stakeholders. Suzanne Blakeman indicated that two public EDC By-law meetings will be held by the Board on May 14, 2019. The first meeting will be to present and review current Board EDC policies, and the second meeting will present the EDC background study report and a draft EDC By-law. The recommendation to approve the By-law will be brought to the May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board, for implementation effective June 3, 2019.

**5. Education Development Charge By-Law Renewal 2019 – Update (Continued)**

PB-34, moved by Sue Lawton, that the update report re Education Development Charge By-Law Renewal 2019, be received.

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**6. Permit Fees – Update**

Reporting on amendments to permit fees, Kelly O’Boyle, Manager of Facilities Rentals, noted that the Rentals department has several rate sheets and different pricing for different times of the year or days of the week. She indicated that the proposal is to amalgamate the rate sheets to simplify the rate structure for the entire school year. In addition, the proposed permit fees will include a cost of living increase of 2% for the 2019-2020 school year. An increase in custodian rates is also proposed to enable cost recovery. The rates for the H.J.A Brown Education Centre will increase by 4% effective July 1, 2019. In response to a trustee’s question, Kelly O’Boyle advised that groups are listed by categories, and fees for different categories will be charged as prescribed. She noted that there may be internal and external groups that book space at H.J.A. Brown Education Centre after hours, and internal groups are charged custodian fees.

PB-35, moved by Carrie Andrews, that the update report re Permit Fees, be received.

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**7. Application Status Update**

Suzanne Blakeman stated that the report outlines the development applications reviewed by staff for the month of March 2019. Anticipated enrolment from the developments will be accommodated in existing schools.

PB-36, moved by Balbir Sohi, that the Application Status Update report, be received.

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**8. Tender Activity Report**

PB-37, moved by Robert Crocker, that the Tender Activity Report for March 26, 2019 to April 12, 2019, be received.

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**9. Vandalism Reports**

PB-38, moved by Robert Crocker, that the Vandalism Reports for December 2018 - February 2019, be received.

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**10. Question Period**

There were no questions.

**11. Public Question Period**

Stan Taylor referred to the question he had asked at the March 5, 2019 Committee meeting regarding the effects of the carbon tax, which will increase to \$50 by 2023. Noting that environmentalists have indicated that this should be \$200-\$300 in order to have the desired effect, he expressed the belief that the prognosis of climate change will make consideration of alternate building facilities and reliance on renewable energy sources more imperative. Stating that he was not satisfied with the response provided, he asked about the equivalence point between the cost of natural gas and hydro systems that will make geothermal and energy-efficient systems economically viable to meet the needs of school boards. He asked for a quantitative analysis of geothermal systems that will last for the next 20 – 30 years, taking into account the rising cost of carbon-emitting fuels, as this will assist trustees when they approve facilities that are to last for the next 50 – 100 years. He spoke of the importance of investing in geothermal systems, and noted that the cost of geothermal installations has been decreasing. The administration responded.

**12. In Committee Session**

PB-39, moved by Carrie Andrews, that the Committee move into In Committee Session (19:30 hours).

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The Committee moved back into Open Session at 19:40 hours, on a motion by Trustee Lawton.

**13. Adoption of the In Committee Report**

PB-40, moved by Susan Benjamin, that the report of the In Committee Session re: Permission to Enter Agreement with the Region of Peel – Streetsville Secondary School; Combined Capital Project Status Report; Tender Activity Report for March 26, 2019 to April 12, 2019; Student Transportation of Peel Region, and Question Period, be received, and that the recommendations contained therein, be approved.

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**14. Adjournment**

PB-41, moved by Balbir Sohi, that the meeting adjourn (19:40 hours).

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..... Chair ..... Secretary