

MEETING NOTES

Meeting (held on the Zoom platform):

In attendance (total: #31): Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin; Ward 11 Superintendents Howard (Learning Network 05) & Felsen (Learning Network 06); System Planning Officer Gowdy, Senior Manager of the Planning Department Castaldo; School Administrators & School Council members; Other TDSB Staff (including Wilmar Kortleever, Shared Services Liaison); Janice Barnett (Ward 11 Rep on PIAC/Parent Involvement Advisory Committee); Parents/Caregivers/Guardians.

After the Land Acknowledgement, Trustee Chernos Lin welcomed everybody.

The Ward Forum was focused on the TDSB Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy, including the effects of the various residential developments in Ward 11 (Don Valley West). Presentations by Andrew Gowdy (System Planning Officer) and Daniel Castaldo (Senior Manager of the Planning Department) followed by Questions and Answers by those in attendance.

1. Long-Term Program & Accommodation Strategy 2021-2030 – Ward 11

The presentation from Mr Gowdy & Mr Castaldo (see associated document) covered the following topics:

- **Overview of the Long-Term Program & Accommodation Strategy (LTPAS)** (presentation p.2 onwards)
 - What is the strategy and why do we need it: Designed to address a city that is constantly changing (p.3-5)
 - enrolment over the years, different projections forecast varying population numbers (p.6-7)
 - areas of over- and under utilization, intensification pressures (p.8-9)

In Summary (p.10): The TDSB has areas of growth, areas of decline, schools with overutilization, and schools with underutilization. The TDSB serves a dynamic city (i.e., characterized by continuous change and activity). We need an annual process to manage the change that is always looking out over 10 years (a rolling 10-year plan).

 - the Annual LTPAS Process (p.11/12); Guiding Principles Equity of Access (p.13) & Efficient and Flexible Learning Space (p.14)
 - Types of studies (p.15)
- **Current / projected enrolment trends** (from p.16 in the presentation)
 - Ward 11 profile (p.17); Changes in Ward 11 enrolment (p.18); Utilization Rate (from 2019 and projected to 2029, elementary schools and high schools p.19-22)
- **Residential development and intensification** (from p.23 in the presentation)

Brief Summary (p.24):

Intensification is a significant contributing factor to enrolment growth and accommodation pressure in some neighbourhoods.

Staff are currently tracking approximately 500,000 units in the long-term development pipeline, close to 12,000 situated within Ward 11.

City of Toronto is the planning authority.

The Official Plan guides how the City will grow and Change over the next 25 years.

TDSB is a commenting agency and doesn't have any significant influence over the process (i.e. cannot 'stop' development').

- Residential development summary (p.25), examples of areas experiencing intensification (p.26)
- TDSB accommodating new residential development and building new schools (p.27/28)
- Capital Priority Grants (p.29)
- TDSB Capital Funding Challenges – Educational Development Charges (p.30)

Studies in the Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy (from p.31 in the presentation)

- Secondary Program Review (p.32)
- Pupil Accommodation Reviews (p.33)
- Review of Legacy Technical and Commercial Boundaries (p.34)
- French as a Second Language Review (p.35)

- **Overview of planned studies for Ward 11 schools for the next ten years** (from p.36 in the presentation)

- Emerging Capital Priority Projects: Hodgson MS addition and renovation project; New elementary school(s) for the Yonge-Eglinton community (p.37-39)
- Secondary French Programs – East Review (p.40)
- Leaside Review (p.41)
- Residential Development Redirection (p.42: 900 York Mills Road development proposal)
- Residential Development Redirection (p.43: Flemingdon Park/Rippleton PS; new school at Don Mills Rd & Eglinton Ave)
- French Program Pathways (p.44: pathway after Denlow PS)
- Yonge-Eglinton Review – Phase III (p.45)
- Boundary Change Studies – Secondary Schools (p.46: includes Northern SS, York Mills CI, and Leaside HS)
- Boundary Change Study – Kilgour Estates (p.47)
- Boundary Change Studies – Marc Garneau CI / Don Mills CI (p.48)
- Boundary Change Study – Shared Area (p.49: students currently choices at Blythwood Jr. PS / Glenview Sr. PS, or Bedford Park PS)

- **In Conclusion** (p.50):

At a system level, elementary enrolment is projected to stabilize after declines related to the pandemic. There are areas within Ward 11 where elementary enrolment growth is projected to rise and where new schools may be required.

At a system level, secondary enrolment is projected to remain high but stable.

Residential development and intensification is primarily focused in the Urban Growth Centres, the 'Avenues' and major redevelopment initiatives within the Ward.

The TDSB updates the Long-Term Program and Accommodation Plan every year, which identifies a number of studies to address issues, gaps and needs, including growth. Many studies have been identified for Ward 11.

Capital projects including potential new schools and additions to existing schools are required and will continue to be pursued through the Capital Priority process.

Discussion / Questions & Answers

- The Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy (LTPAS) is a document that is reviewed and updated annually. Discussed above is the 2021-2030 version, a new LTPAS (then 2022-2031) will come to the Board of Trustees later this month (October 2022), first to the Planning & Priorities Committee (October 20) and then to the Board meeting (November 14).

- Education Development Charges: These are governed by a provincial regulation, so the school board and the city cannot change it. To express opinions about it, it is therefore best to reach out to provincial authorities.

Trustee Chernos Lin: It has been a challenging subject, as some frame EDC's as a tax on new home buyers, even though it is a levy on development to pay for infrastructure. And schools are essential infrastructure.

Attendees praised the scope, detail, and comprehensiveness of the presentation, and had no other questions at this time. Many were looking forward to receiving the presentation for further perusal, and further discussions at later dates.

8:40pm: Trustee Chernos Lin thanked attending staff for all their work and concluded the meeting.

For more questions, always feel free to contact Trustees Chernos Lin (Rachel.ChernosLin@tdsb.on.ca). Also a reminder: for local questions, make sure to reach out to your local Principals and Administrators.