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Written Notice of Motion (Trustee Lister)

From: Denise Joseph-Dowers, Manager, Board Services, Governance and Board Services

In accordance with Board Bylaw 21.1, the following motion was submitted in time to be included on the agenda of this meeting for consideration.

21.1 A matter may be added to the regular meeting agenda by submitting in writing to the Director, at least seven days in advance of the meeting...

Community Hub and Canadian Tire Lands

Whereas, the Board and other levels of government must look at creating community hubs when possible to create vibrant centres of community life that generate economic and social benefits that reflect local community needs; and

Whereas, the Canadian Tire Lands near Leslie and Sheppard Avenues is currently being developed and is zoned to have two schools, as well as a library and community centre; and

Whereas, the current zoning would require taxpayers to pay for construction of three libraries and three gymnasiums, when two schools are taken into consideration, as well as the operating and maintenance costs of each of those properties which is not an effective use of taxpayers' money; and

Whereas, at this time construction has not begun on any schools or community facilities, so currently no money has been wasted;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Chair send a communication to the Mayor of Toronto and the Director of Education for the Toronto Catholic District School Board requesting an urgent meeting with the City's planning staff with staff from the Toronto District School Board's and the Toronto Catholic District School Board's planning departments to look into creating a community hub on the Canadian Tire Lands near Leslie Street and Sheppard Avenues that would include a joint-use school and City facility for the benefit of students, families and the community.

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