



## Board of Trustees' Board Meeting

**Date:** October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. \*  
\* *Committee of the Whole In Camera, if necessary, will precede or follow the Board Meeting, as appropriate.*

**Location:** Board Room, Catholic Education Centre, 35 Weber Street, Kitchener

**Attendees:**

**Board of Trustees:**  
Joyce Anderson, Wayne Buchholtz, Manuel da Silva, Janek Jagiellowicz, Frank Johnson, Anthony Piscitelli, Wendy Price, Peter Reitmeier, Greg Reitzel.

**Student Representatives:**  
Erin Jamieson, Carlos Valero

**Senior Administration:**  
Larry Clifford, Rick Boisvert, Gerry Clifford, Derek Haime, David DeSantis, Maria Ivankovic, Shesh Maharaj,

**Special Resource:**  
Fr. Fred Scinto, CR; John Shewchuk

**Recording Secretary:**  
Barb Pilsner

ITEM	Who	Agenda Section	Method & Outcome
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	<b>Board Chair</b>		
1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials	Board Pastoral Team		
1.2 Approval of Agenda	Board of Trustees		Approval
1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest	Individual Trustees		
1.3.1 From the current meeting			
1.3.1 From a previous public or in-camera meeting			
<b>2. Consent Agenda: Director of Education (eg: day –to –day operational matters from the Ministry of Education that the Board is required to do)</b>			
2.1			

ITEM	Who	Agenda Section	Method & Outcome
<b>3. Consent Agenda: Board (Minutes of meetings, staff report)</b>			
3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings	Trustees	pp.1-5	Approval
3.1.1 Minutes of Board meeting of September 24, 2012	Trustees	--	Approval
3.1.2 Items for Action from In-camera meeting of October 29/12	Trustees	p. 6	Approval
3.1.3 Recommendation: Special Education Plan 2012	Trustees	p. 7	Approval
3.1.4 Recommendation: School Name Changes	Trustees	--	Approval
3.1.5 Staffing Report as of October 25, 2012	Trustees	--	Approval
<b>4. Delegations/Presentation</b>			
<b>4.1 V.I.P. Awards:</b>			
4.1.1 Monsignor Doyle	Wendy Price		Presentation
4.1.2 St. Elizabeth	Peter Reitmeier		Presentation
4.1.3 St. Matthew	Janek Jagiellowicz		Presentation
4.1.4 St. Michael	Manuel da Silva		Presentation
4.1.5 St. Paul	Joyce Anderson		Presentation
4.3.6 St. Teresa K	Wayne Buchholtz		Presentation
4.3.7 Blessed Kateri	Anthony Piscitelli		Presentation
<b>4.2 Automated External Defibrillator (AED)</b>	Debbie Dover/ Kathy Doherty- Masters		Information
<b>4.3 BIPSA</b>	Maria Ivankovic/ David DeSantis		Information
<b>5. Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)</b>			
<b>5.1</b>			
<b>6. Reports from Board Committees/Task Forces</b>			
6.1 Student Trustee report	Erin Jamieson/ Carlos Valero	--	Information
6.2 Governance Committee			
6.3 Pastoral Care Team			
6.4 Linkages Task Force			
6.5 CPIC			
6.6 Audit Committee			
6.7 Elementary/Secondary Pathways Task Force Report	L. Clifford	--	Information
<b>7. Board Education (at the request of the Board)</b>			
7.1 Hosting 2014 OCSTA AGM and Conference	Manuel da Silva	--	Information
<b>8. Policy Discussion</b>			
<b>9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance</b>			
9.1 Board Policy II 003 Board Job Description	Trustees	pp. 8	Approval
9.2 Is There a Need to Review This Policy?	Trustees	--	Discussion
<b>10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance</b>			
<b>10.1 Monitoring Reports &amp; Vote on Compliance</b>			
10.1.1 Board Policy IV 007, Financial Planning & Budgeting	Trustees	See budget binder –pink tab	Approval
<b>10.2 Advice from the CEO</b>			
10.2.1 Ontario Urban Forest Council Proclamation	Trustees	pp. 9-10	Decision
10.2.2 When Faith Meets Pedagogy Conference Review	Larry Clifford	--	Information

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Agenda Section</b>	<b>Method &amp; Outcome</b>
<b>11. Potential Agenda Items/Trustee Inquiry Report (CEO)</b>			
11.1 Trustee Inquiry Report from the CEO 11.2 Shared concerns			
<b>12. Announcements</b>			
<b>12.1</b> The following reports are posted on the Board web page: <a href="http://www.wcdsb.ca">www.wcdsb.ca</a> a) Minutes of SEAC Meetings b) Minutes of Parent Involvement Committee Meetings			
<b>12.2 Upcoming Meetings/Events</b> (all scheduled for the Catholic Education Centre unless otherwise indicated): Nov 5 6:00 p.m. Linkages Committee Nov 5 6:00 p.m. Governance Committee Nov 6 7:00 p.m. Southeast Galt ARC, St. Anne C Nov 7 7:00 p.m. SEAC Nov 12 6:00 p.m. Special Board of Trustees Meeting - Financials Nov 13 7:00 p.m. St. Louis Graduation, Kitchener Nov 14 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Team Committee Nov 15 7:00 p.m. St. Louis Graduation, Cambridge Nov 19 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole at Monsignor Doyle Nov 23 9:00 a.m. Board Office Mass Nov 26 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Nov 30 5:00 p.m. Christmas Social			
<b>12.3 Pending Items:</b> 12.3.1 Msgr. Gleason – surplus to our needs 12.3.2 Definition of Equity – Guiding Principles (AP) 12.3.3 Use of reserves 12.3.4 Board Policy IV 003 “Treatment of Students” 12.3.6 Bill 177	<u>Committee/Task Force</u> Board Board Board Board C. of Whole Board C of W	<u>Due Date</u> Fall 2012 April 23/12 Sept 24/12 Feb 21/12 During 11/12	<u>Action Taken</u>
<b>12.4 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration</b> Audit Committee – three external members			
<b>13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda</b>	Trustees		
<b>14. Adjournment</b> <b>Confirm decisions made tonight</b> <b>Closing Prayer</b>	Director of Education		
<b>15. Motion to Adjourn</b>	Board of Trustees	Motion	Approval

**CLOSING PRAYER**

O Risen Lord, you have entrusted us with the responsibility to help form a new generation of disciples and apostles through the gift of our Catholic schools.

As disciples of Christ, may we educate and nurture hope in all learners to realize their full potential to transform God’s world.

May our Catholic schools truly be at the heart of the community, fostering success for each by providing a place for all.

May we and all whom we lead be discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community; effective communicators; reflective and creative thinkers; self-directed, responsible, life-long learners; collaborative contributors; caring family members; and responsible citizens.

Grant us the wisdom of your Spirit so that we might always be faithful to our responsibilities.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Board of Trustees' Meeting

A public meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 24, 2012 at the Waterloo Region Catholic Education Centre.

### Trustees Present:

Joyce Anderson; Wayne Buchholtz; Manuel da Silva (Chair); Janek Jagiellowicz; Frank Johnson; Anthony Piscitelli; Wendy Price; Peter Reitmeier;

### Student Trustees Present:

Erin Jamieson, Carlos Valero

### Administrative Officials Present:

Larry Clifford; Gerry Clifford; David DeSantis; Derek Haime; Maria Ivankovic; Shesh Maharaj

### Special Resources For The Meeting:

Fr. Fred Scinto, C.R.

### Regrets:

Greg Reitzel; Rick Boisvert; John Shewchuk

### Recorder:

Barb Pilsner, Executive Administrative Assistant

**NOTE ON VOTING:** Under Board by-law 5.7 all Board decisions made by consensus are deemed the equivalent of a unanimous vote. A consensus decision is therefore deemed to be a vote of 9-0. Under Board by-law 5.11 every Trustee "shall vote on all questions on which the Trustee is entitled to vote" and abstentions are not permitted.

## **1. Call to Order:**

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

### **1.1 Opening Prayer & Memorials**

The opening prayer was led by M. da Silva, Board Pastoral Team. Intentions were offered for: a friend of J. Jagiellowicz' who passed away and a friend undergoing surgery; to keep all those in our system, adults and children, with allergies in our prayers.

### **1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Add Items 4.1 Numeracy, 4.2 Student Work Support Team, 6.9 2012-13 School Newsletter, 10.2.2 *Respecting Differences*/Bill 13, and 10.2.3 Four Pillars.

**2012-135** -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **F. Johnson**:

*THAT the agenda for September 24, 2012 as amended be now approved. --- Carried by consensus.*

### **1.3 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

1.3.1 From the current meeting – NIL

1.3.2 From a previous public or in-camera meeting – NIL

## **2. Consent Agenda: Director of Education (e.g. day-to-day operational matters from the Ministry of Education that the board is required to do)**

### **2.1 Special Education Plan 2012**

Trustees agreed to defer the discussion of the Special Education Plan 2012 until the Committee of the Whole Oct 15, 2012.

### 3. Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees (Minutes of meetings)

#### 3.1 Approval of Minutes of Regular and Special Meetings

3.1.1 Minutes of Board meeting of September 10, 2012

3.1.2 Items for Action from previous in-camera meeting of September 17, 2012

3.1.3 Interim Financial Report - # 3 of 3

**2012-136 -- It was moved by P. Reitmeier and seconded by F. Johnson:**

*THAT the Consent Agenda Board of Trustees and the recommendations contained therein be now approved. ---  
Carried by consensus*

### 4 Delegations

#### 4.1 Numeracy

M. Ivankovic introduced Petra Le Duc and Nancy Snyder, two elementary/secondary numeracy facilitators. N. Snyder and P Le Duc reported we are 'staying the course' in numeracy, continuing with inquiry-based learning and teacher professional learning through collaborative inquiry. The identified high-yield strategies are still critical for student success. The emphasis will be on refining pedagogical knowledge and incorporating BIG ideas when planning instruction and using Accountable Talk to make mathematical ideas explicit.

Components of Numeracy Board Improvement Plan Student Achievement (BIPSA) that support the 21<sup>st</sup> Century learner are:

- engaging students in inquiry through the use of accountable talk, questioning and authentic robust thinking tasks;
- focus on the acquisition and use of critical thinking skills through active engagement in constructing and consolidating new knowledge;
- engaging students in metacognitive thinking processes through multiple assessment as learning opportunities (teacher-modelled and student participation);
- implementing timely intervention to support closing gaps in conceptual knowledge,
- promoting student voice and identity to develop their abilities to make decisions, choices and actions that advocate for their learning.

We will offer lots of resources to our teachers and administrators.

#### 4.2 Student Work Support Team

M. Ivankovic introduced Anne Maley, student work study teacher. A. Maley explained through a Ministry of Education project we investigate ways to help move students from level two and three to the next level in reading, writing and math. Professional development is offered at all schools. We attend staff meetings and present what we have learned through research. Students need to be focused and engaged in order to learn.

#### 4.3 Southeast Galt Accommodation Review Update

L. Ford provided an update on the accommodation review. There were five options presented and a preferred option has been identified. The process for implementing this option will be outlined at the next meeting at St. Vincent de Paul on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4.4 Trustee Inquiry Report from the CEO – Active Transportation Charter

There were no further questions from the trustees.

### 5 Ownership Linkage (Communication with the External Environment)

5.1

### 6 Actions From Board Committees/Task Forces

#### 6.1 Student Trustee Report

E. Jamieson and C. Valero advised the first council of student representatives meeting went well. They discussed Catholic Education week in partnership with the Year of Faith and promoting a sense of unity to bring the secondary schools together.

Under the Four Pillars:

E. Jamieson advised both Monsignor Doyle and St. Benedict held opening mass last week, started social justice initiatives, welcomed students from Columbia on Say Hi" day and encouraged grade nine students to become involved in extracurricular activities. Monsignor Doyle has a wall of strength where students can post inspirational quotes, is planning a homecoming week to raise school spirit, purchased a flag and is purchasing bleachers and a new mascot. St. Benedict is planning a coffee house October 4<sup>th</sup>, has purchased outdoor cafeteria tables and is looking into art murals to showcase school personality.

C. Valero advised St. David and Resurrection held their opening mass and St. Mary's is this week. All three secondary schools are planning Thanksgiving Food Drives, participating in the Terry Fox Run and have academic awards nights coming up. Resurrection student council is implementing student to student tutoring and is looking to replace morning announcements with a visual news announcement on BrightLink. The football game was a very successful spirit building activity and they are also having a homecoming dance. St. Mary's is focusing on making grade nine students welcome. St. David's is hosting a barbecue.

#### **6.2 Trustee Budget Update: Quarterly Update**

Trustees discussed the quarterly update.

#### **6.3 Governance Committee meeting of**

#### **6.4 Pastoral Care Team meeting of**

#### **6.5 Linkages Task Force – standing committee**

W. Buchholtz advised with the work of the task force last year trustees were asked for their response to have the task force become a standing committee. Trustees were in agreement it should be a standing committee.

#### **6.6 CPIC**

#### **6.7 Audit Committee**

#### **6.8 2012-13 Committee Assignments**

M. da Silva assigned trustees to sit on committees for the upcoming year. All trustees may attend any committee meeting.

#### **6.9 Distribution of 2012-13 School Newsletter**

M. da Silva distributed a school newsletter chart for the upcoming year. Trustees will become more familiar with each school and aware of the events they host.

### **7 Board Education (at the request of the Board)**

#### **7.1 Draft Board Calendar for 2012-13**

Trustees discussed the draft Board calendar. They proposed to have a special board meeting to approve Revised Estimates following the annual meeting to elect the Chair and Vice-chair on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Board of Trustee meeting scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> in place of Committee of the Whole due to Holy Week. The calendar will be updated and posted on the trustee teamsite.

#### **7.2 Board Focus for 2012-13**

Trustees discussed the list of suggested topics/pending items which could become the focus of the Board's work for the year. Trustees will work on Board Policy I 001 Ends and Amalgamation with senior staff. M. da Silva will report back to the trustees on a schedule and estimated costs on Governance Model. Some items will become the work of committees. M. da Silva, W. Buchholtz and L. Clifford will look at the items and report back to the trustees at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

### **8. Policy Discussion**

#### **8.1 2012-13 Policy Assignment**

Trustees were each assigned several policies to become familiar with to ensure trustees are following policy.

#### **8.2 2012-13 By-law Assignment**

Trustees were also assigned sections of our by-laws to ensure we are following our by-laws.

### **9. Assurance of Successful Board Performance**

#### **9.1 Board Policy II 002 Governing Style**

*2012-137 -- It was moved by A. Piscitelli and seconded by J. Jagiellowicz:*

*THAT the Board of Trustees found Board Policy II 002 Governing Style in compliance. --- No consensus*

**In Favour:** A. Piscitelli, J. Jagiellowicz

**Opposed:** W. Price, P. Reitmeier, J. Anderson, W. Buchholtz, M. da Silva  
F. Johnson abstained.  
MOTION DEFEATED

**2012-138** -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **P. Reitmeier**:  
*THAT the Board of Trustees found Board Policy II 002 not in compliance regarding provision 4 and 5 and agree to send the policy to Governance for review. --- No consensus*

**In Favour:** W. Buchholtz, J. Anderson, W. Price, F. Johnson, P. Reitmeier, M. da Silva  
**Opposed:** A. Piscitelli, J. Jagiellowicz  
MOTION CARRIED

### **9.2 Is There a Need to Review This Policy?**

Trustees agreed to send Policy II 002 to Governance for review.

### **9.3 Board Policy III 006 CEO Compensation and Benefits**

**2012-139** -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **J. Jagiellowicz**:  
*THAT the Board of Trustees found Board Policy III 006 Compensation and Benefits in compliance and agree to refer the policy to Governance for review of language. --- Carried by consensus*

### **9.4 Is There a Need to Review This Policy?**

Trustees agreed to send Policy III 006 to Governance to look at changes to the language.

### **9.5 Trustee Telephone Log**

Trustees discussed maintaining a telephone log similar to the log administrative assistants currently maintain. L. Clifford advised staff will continue to maintain a telephone log

**2012-140** -- It was *moved* by **W. Buchholtz** and *seconded* by **P. Reitmeier**:  
*THAT the Board of Trustees agreed to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. --- Carried by consensus*

The meeting was extended at 9:10 pm

Trustees to let the Director or Superintendent know if they have received an email or phone call and it will be logged.

## **10. Assurance of Successful Director of Education Performance**

### **10.1 Monitoring Reports & Vote on Compliance**

#### **10.1.1 Board Policy IV 007, Financial Planning & Budgeting**

Board Policy IV 007, Financial Planning & Budgeting will be added to the October 15<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole for discussion. Trustees to review the monitoring report found in their 2012-13 budget binder prior to the meeting.

### **10.2 Advice from the CEO**

#### **10.2.1 Southeast Galt Accommodation Review Update** – moved to follow 4.2

#### **10.2.2 Respecting Differences/Bill 13**

D. Haime explained it is the responsibility of the school to work towards eliminating bullying and ensuring learning environments that are safe and inclusive. This responsibility is not that of staff alone; student voice and leadership is a critical factor in realizing schools in which all people are welcomed, valued and celebrated. As such, the WCDSB is committed to fostering student voice and shall support pupils who want to establish and lead activities and organizations that promote a safe and inclusive learning environment. By working together and helping students realise their full potential to transform God's world it is the belief of the WCDSB that we can nurture communities which witness the unwavering love of God for all people and the call to love one another.

#### **10.2.3 Four Pillars**

**Catholicity** - L. Clifford advised many staff attended the Diocesan mass in Guelph on Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. He advised of the Partnership Agreement with the Diocese of Hamilton, local Catholic school boards and St. Jerome's University recognizing the role and responsibilities of family, parish and school in promoting Catholic education as a lifelong process from kindergarten to university and beyond.

**Quality** – L. Clifford advised there was good support from the principals for the V.I.P. program.

## 11. Potential Agenda Items

11.1 Trustee Inquiry Report from the CEO – Active Transportation Charter – moved to 4.4

## 12. Announcements

12.1 The following reports are posted on the Board web page: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)

- a) Minutes of SEAC Meetings
- b) Minutes of Parent Involvement Committee Meetings

12.2 **Upcoming Meetings/Events (all scheduled for the Catholic education Centre unless otherwise indicated):**

L. Clifford highlighted When Faith Meets Pedagogy on Oct 25<sup>th</sup> – a wonderful gathering of Catholic Boards with resources for teachers and presentations to assist teachers with classrooms.

12.3 Pending Items:

- 12.3.1 Msgr. Gleason – surplus to our needs
- 12.3.2 Definition of Equity – Guiding Principles (AP)
- 12.3.3 Use of reserves
- 12.3.4 Board Policy IV 003 “Treatment of Students”
- 12.3.6 Bill 177

12.4 Pending Items for OCSTA Consideration

- 12.4.1 Audit Committee – third external member

## 13. Items for the Next Meeting Agenda

Communication Guidelines for Parents –for Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Board meeting

## 14. Adjournment – Confirm decisions made tonight. Closing Prayer

The Recording Secretary confirmed the meeting decisions.

## 15. Motion to Adjourn

**2012-141--** It was *moved* by **W. Price** and *seconded* by **J. Jagiellowicz**:

*THAT the meeting be now adjourned.*

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:45 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Secretary



## Memorandum

**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**CC:**  
**FROM:** Rick Boisvert, Associate Director of Education and Student Services  
**DATE:** October 15, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Special Education Plan 2012

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Recommendation from the Board of Trustees, Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, October 15/12:

*That the Board of Trustees approve the Special Education Plan 2012 and that the recommendation be placed on the October 29, 2012 Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees.*



## Memorandum

**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**CC:**  
**FROM:** Larry Clifford, Director of Education  
**DATE:** October 15, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** School Name Changes

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Recommendation from the Board of Trustees, Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, October 15/12:

*That the Board of Trustees instruct the Director of Education to commence the process of renaming Blessed Kateri, Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II Catholic Elementary Schools respectively St. Kateri Tekakwitha CES, Blessed Mother Teresa CES and Blessed John Paul II CES and that the process be completed by October, 2013. The recommendation will be placed on the October 29, 2012 Consent Agenda: Board of Trustees.*

**Number: II 003**  
**Subject: Board Job Description**

**Approval Date:** September 29, 2008  
**Effective Date:** September 29, 2008.  
**Revised:** April 26, 2010; January 30, 2012

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**Policy Statement:**

The work of the board is to serve as trustees for the Catholic ratepayers of Waterloo Region in determining and ensuring appropriate organizational performance within the legal requirements of the Province of Ontario. To distinguish the board's own unique work from the work of its staff, the board will plan and detail its work annually concentrating its efforts on the following outputs:

1. The link between the organization and the Catholic ratepayers of Waterloo Region.
2. Clarity of values and vision in written governing policies which, at the broadest levels of all organizational decisions and situations, address:
  - a. *Aims/Ends:* Organizational products, impacts, benefits, outcomes, recipients, and their relative worth (what good, for which people and needs, at what cost)
  - b. *Governance Process:* Description of how the board conceives, carries out and monitors its own work
  - c. *Board-Director of Education Relationship:* Delegation of power and its proper use monitored; the Director of Education role, authority and accountability
  - d. *Executive Limitations:* Constraints on executive authority which establish the prudence and ethics boundaries within which all executive activity and decisions must take place.
3. The assurance of Director of Education performance as described in all board policies and detailed in legal responsibilities.
4. Advocacy for positive change to legislation and government policy that impact the organization.
5. Orientation of all new board members.



Waterloo Catholic District School Board

Dear Mr. R. Boisvert,

You may be aware that Ontario, along with many other jurisdictions, is being hit hard by the imported pest Emerald Ash Borer, *Agilus plannipennis*. It has already killed tens of thousands of ash trees. The Municipal Arborists and Urban Foresters, a Committee of the International Society of Arboriculture Ontario, ISAO and the Ontario Urban Forest Council, OUFC are working to raise awareness about EAB and the environmental and economic fallout.

School Boards, public property owners, homeowners, businesses, institutions, and utilities will have to deal with thousands of ash trees before they become a liability and bear the cost of implementing programs to deal with this terrible loss to our urban forest.

Effective EAB programs involve the following:

- Identifying ash trees, size and locations (an inventory)
- Monitoring the distribution of the pest within local areas
- Identifying and treating trees worthy of preservation
- Tree removal on public and private lands, and proper disposal of wood waste
- Replanting replacement trees.

Currently, neither the Federal nor Provincial Governments are providing sufficient financial/management support to any property owners for implementation of any part of an EAB program. Therefore, we have prepared the attached proclamation calling for **A FEDERAL and PROVINCIAL ROLE IN URBAN FORESTRY** to all School Boards across Ontario.

We are seeking your Boards endorsement of this proclamation, and would ask that you present this to your respective Boards for consideration. 440 Municipalities and 36 Conservation Authorities have been requested to support this already. Thank you for your assistance in bringing this to your Boards attention. If you have any questions, please contact me at 519-362-9469

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Toni Ellis,  
President, Ontario Urban Forest Council

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## **A FEDERAL and PROVINCIAL ROLE IN URBAN FORESTRY**

**WHEREAS** over 80% of Canadians now live in urban areas and have come to rely on the environmental, ecological and economic benefits of urban forests;

**AND WHEREAS** the health of Canadians is sustained by their urban forests which provide services through improving air quality, cooling city streets and buildings, acting as a windbreak, shading from harmful UV rays, filtering storm water, allowing for students to interact with nature, as well as beautifying our communities;

**AND WHEREAS** neither the federal nor provincial governments currently include urban forestry in their mandates except in a limited role with respect to exotic, invasive pests;

**AND WHEREAS** the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has not been able to stop the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer throughout Ontario and Quebec

**AND WHEREAS** the Emerald Ash Borer is expected to cost Canadians over \$2 Billion dollars in treatment and replanting;

**AND WHEREAS** Canadian forestry programs and research are solely focused on industrial forests and do not at present include urban tree planting, appropriate species research, and insect control and management; and

**AND WHEREAS** other jurisdictions such as the United States Forest Service and the European Urban Forestry Research and Information Centre include urban forestry as a program and research area;

**AND WHEREAS** Ontario funds School Boards to provide education in a quality setting;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the \_\_\_\_\_ School Board calls on the Federal and Provincial governments to take leadership roles in recognizing the need to support urban forestry, by establishing urban forestry mandates and programs which includes funding assistance to School Boards for the control and management of the Emerald Ash Borer- and any future significant imported diseases and insects -as well as the creation and funding of programs designed to support the on-going sustainable management of urban forests.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That all School Boards across Ontario be encouraged to endorse this proclamation and that this resolution be distributed to The Honourable Gerry Ritz, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food; The Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources; The Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities; The Honorable Jim Flaherty, Minister of Finance; Local Federal Member of Parliament \_\_\_\_\_;

Honourable Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources; Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance; Local Provincial Member of the Ontario Legislature \_\_\_\_\_, Tim Hudak, MPP, Leader of Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario and the Opposition Party; Andrea Horvath, MPP, Leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario;

Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Federation of Canadian Municipalities;