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TO:

GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT TO SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD NORTH BARRIE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUPIL

ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Councillor ______ be appointed to the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board North Barrie Elementary School Pupil Accommodation Review Committee.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

- 2. The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board approved the formation of a Pupil Accommodation Committee for the North Barrie Area elementary schools on June 8, 2011. The schools include St. Monica's, Monsignor Clair, Sister Catherine Donnelly, St. Marguerite d'Youville, St. Mary's Barrie and The Good Shepherd.
- 3. On August 16, 2011, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board submitted a letter requesting municipal representation for the North Barrie Area Elementary School Pupil Accommodation Review Committee, by September 9, 2011.

ANALYSIS

- 4. A Pupil Accommodation Review is a formal process, following Ministry of Education guidelines, which is intended to help School Board officials evaluate and review the accommodation of students in schools. The process assists School Board officials with planning in order to best meet the needs of students and parents now and in the future. The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board has indicated that involvement from members of the community is a critical part of the review process.
- 5. The goal of the Pupil Accommodation Review Committee is intended to provide a structured consultation process with the full involvement of the local community. The Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (PAC) will operate in accordance with the Ministry guidelines, the Board's Pupil Accommodation Review Policy and Procedure LE-14 and the Terms of Reference (available on the School Board's website at http://smcdsb.on.ca/community/pupil accommodation review/)
- 6. The PAC will study, report and make recommendations on the accommodation options respecting the group of schools or single school. The PAC assumes an advisory role and will provide recommendations that will inform the final decision made by the Board, however, the PAC members will not make the final decision regarding the accommodation options.



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- 7. The PAC will consist of the following persons:
 - One or more Trustees, at least one of whom represents the area under study, as
 - observer;
 - The appropriate Board staff, as resource;
 - Representative from local parish;
 - From each affected school:
 - o the school principal or designate
 - o one teacher
 - o one non-teaching staff member
 - o three parents, one of whom will be the school council chair or designate
 - Municipal Councillor or delegate
 - member of the business community to be invited by the PAC.
- 8. The PAC will be deemed to be properly constituted whether or not all of the listed members are willing and able to participate, as long as a clear and timely invite is provided.
- 9. The first meeting of the Committee is scheduled to occur late September/early October. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 12 meetings between September and March.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

10. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

11. There are three alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could recommend a citizen representative or staff representative to be appointed to the Pupil Accommodation Review Committee. In the past, staff in the Planning Department have provided input to the Pupil Accommodation Review Committee process. The composition of the committee already permits three (3) parents on the Committee.

Alternative #2

General Committee could recommend that advertisements be placed for a citizen representative to the Pupil Accommodation Review Committee. Advertising for a citizen representative could result in a delay in filling the position potentially until after the first meeting date.

Alternative #3

General Committee could choose to leave the position vacant and not appoint a member of Council or delegate. This would result in a lost opportunity for a member of Council or their delegate to be involved in the development of a recommendation with respect to pupil accommodation in the Barrie North area.

FINANCIAL

12. There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendation related to an appointment to the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board's Pupil Accommodation Review Committee for the North Barrie Area elementary schools.

LINKAGE TO 2010-2014 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

13. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report are not specifically related to the goals identified in the 2010-2014 City Council Strategic Plan.