

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Emergency and Community Services Committee: May 16, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR T. HWANG.....

Eastdale Elementary School Access to Eastdale Park During School Hours, 260 Celtic Drive, Stoney Creek (Ward 10):

WHEREAS, Eastdale Elementary School was rebuilt onsite by the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board in 2020 as a result of the Board’s 2015 Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR);

WHEREAS, the Eastdale Elementary School site is slightly smaller than current Hamilton Wentworth District School Board standards;

WHEREAS, the school’s proximity to the adjacent Eastdale Park was considered in this decision in anticipation that students would have unincumbered access to the park’s playfields;

WHEREAS, changes in staff and political positions at both the City and Board since the initial PAR impeded the creation of the shared use agreements required to grant this access;

WHEREAS, the population growth at Eastdale School has far exceeded original estimates;

WHEREAS, the resultant temporary pupil accommodations (portable classrooms) on the school site have used the majority of the student playfield.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City of Hamilton Recreation staff be directed to work with staff from the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board to develop and enter into a shared use agreement for the continual use of Eastdale Park by School Staff and Students during school hours;
- (b) That the fees associated with accessing park during the above identified school hours be waived for the duration of the agreement; and
- (c) That the City’s General Manager of Community Services be directed to execute said agreement in a form satisfactory with the City’s Solicitor.