

Subject: Re: Regent Park Community Construction Liaison Committee - why TDSB not participating ?

From: Sheila Ward <ward14intoronto@gmail.com>

Date: 03/02/2012 6:35 PM

To: Bill Eadie <bill@unbeldi.com>

CC: Annely Zonena <Annely.Zonena@torontohousing.ca>, Melanie Dickstein <Melanie.Dickstein@tdsb.on.ca>, marika.bishop@bell.blackberry.net, Beth Butcher <Beth.Butcher@tdsb.on.ca>

Bill,

If you read my email then you seem to have missed an opportunity to understand how a huge organization works. I tried to explain it so you could improve your efforts to get through to us when you wish to. Obviously that seems to have failed. I can only tell you that similar approaches will end up with the same results.

Tom Burr may or may not be working with the Nelson Mandela Park project manager. If so and he had a concern he should have raised it directly with the project manager. We are not involved in working on the rest of the Regent Park project in so far as having responsibility for work being done. I would suggest you talk to the Daniel Corporation about issues involving Regent Park building and excavation etc. We are responsible for TDSB work and we are legally liable for all of it. If there are problems, a meeting can be arranged quickly with us. As for coordination between the two organizations, we each are responsible for our own projects and if coordination is needed, and I am sure it is from time to time, then it will be arranged between officials from the two agencies but would not be part of a public meeting.

I'm not sure where the implication that TDSB does not meet outside normal business hours comes from - half my life at least involves meetings outside of normal business hours, as it does for many staff as well. Staff are entitled to a home life and to be able to go home to be with their families but when a meeting is needed and can't be accommodated in business hours then it happens after hours. This is not a preferred approach as I am sure you can well understand.

As for meetings with residents, the issues I have seen referred to in this string of emails do not require a public meeting involving the TDSB. They can be raised through an email or a phone call, addressed by staff, and resolved.

If members of the public want to get together for any purpose that is certainly their right and I would not dream of interfering in it. My concern is the TDSB and how we manage very scarce staff resources and how we manage our time and resources to best meet the needs of our students.

Because of that, I doubt very much if there will be any TDSB people at the June meeting. June is an exceedingly busy month for staff and many will already be putting in excessive hours at end-of-the-year school functions. There is no need for a public meeting when more

effective and efficient ways exist to resolve concerns.

Also, there is no need to wait until June to have a meeting. Why would we let these concerns go on for another three months when we could deal with them now? A public meeting takes time to set up. We could arrange a half hour meeting with 3 or 4 residents to outline the concerns, then we could get at resolving them quickly. This could be done over the next two to three weeks, long before June rolls around.

I hope this further clarification helps.

Sheila

On Fri, Mar 2, 2012 at 5:13 PM, Bill Eadie <bill@unbeldi.com> wrote:

Sheila, Annely: thanks for researching this

- it is inexcusable that everyone at TDSB that was emailed, chose to ignore TCHC's invitation to a meeting **with local residents**
- doesn't Tom Burr (TCHC project director for Regent Park) know and work closely with one person at TCHC who is his counterpart: ie. the Nelson Mandela school renovation project manager? isn't there more co-ordination happening between these 2 organizations on Regent Park activities ?
- the implication that TDSB "doesn't like meetings outside of normal business hours" isn't acceptable; the entire point of the meeting, which may not be understood by TDSB is "meet with **residents**, and hear directly any **residents'** concerns" (instead of having a private meeting between TCHC and TDSB, as suggested)

- hopefully TDSB will show up for the next meeting, and respond directly to any issues raised by local residents

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Regent Park Community Construction Liaison Committee - why TDSB not participating ?

Date: Fri, 02 Mar 2012 14:17:10 -0500

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Thank you very much Sheila,

I'll make sure we follow a better process next round. We do look forward to your participation. Once construction at Nelson Mandela Park is complete, we'll keep your office informed of future meetings (it will be ongoing for the whole of Regent Park for the duration of the Revitalization) for information or attendance as you see fit.

Looking forward to our June meeting.

Annely

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>>> Sheila Ward ward14intoronto@gmail.com 3/2/2012 1:45 PM >>>

Hi Annely,

There are two specific problems with the email sent below.

First, any email that has that number of recipients usually ends up in my round file, as it does in most tdsb mail boxes. We receive hundreds of emails a day and I only respond directly to those that are addressed to me or are part of a small, manageable group of which I am a member. We receive emails from everyone imaginable, from vendors, to parents taking a concern about their child public when it should be (and will only be) dealt with locally, from fundraisers, from people seeking to sell materials to the tdsb, from students in college trying to get us to take on their homework assignments - the list is endless. I don't get into any of these concerns because it isn't my specific business and I have no time to deal with them. If my day is really busy and I open an email that has more than 20 recipients, I immediately close it and either pitch it or come back to it days later when I have time.

Secondly, Baila, Dane and Gary are principals of other schools in Ward 14 and they have nothing to do with matters at Nelson Mandela Park. They would ignore the email because it is not their business. I assume the nicole in the address could have been Nicole Pearson but since that email would not have been delivered as addressed (there being no such person as nicole) she would not have received it. Jody Burton also is not directly involved in Nelson Mandela concerns and she most likely would not have paid any attention to the email. All of the people listed have no responsibility or authority for Nelson Mandela Park

PS and they would assume that the people who do have responsibility would have been invited and would be dealing with it. And they would not take any further action because they are stretched to the limit dealing with their own immediate responsibilities.

There is an additional item and that is **that time is not easily available for these kinds of meetings**. If there is a specific issue, such as those you outlined, then the fastest way to reach resolution is for you to ask for a meeting with 2 or 3 of you with a couple of people from the tdsb, who can initiate the action needed to solve the problems. A personal email to me directly would have received an answer within 24 hours and we would have already met by now and have scheduled changes to meet your concerns.

I have taken the time to get into our process in the hope that it will make it much easier in the future for you to get a response to an issue you are concerned about.

I know Melanie and/or Mika will be in touch with you early next week and we will make sure we address your concerns as they relate to us.

Sheila

On Fri, Mar 2, 2012 at 12:52 PM, Annely Zonena <Annely.Zonena@torontohousing.ca> wrote:

Hello all,

Please see the attached invitation that was extended to all members of the Regent Park Social Development Plan table. This includes TDSB members. It was sent by Julio Rigores, Community Revitalization Consultant who sits at that table on behalf of TCHC. It was sent to the following TDSB email addresses.

baila.goldfarb@tdsb.on.ca; dane.lowry@tdsb.on.ca; gary.crossdale@tdsb.on.ca; jodi.burton@tdsb.on.ca; nicole@tdsb.on.ca; violet.mari@tdsb.on.ca. This was in addition to our verbal communications with the Construction Manager.

Trustee Ward, we are planning the next meeting for June 2012. I will be in contact with your office directly to schedule a date that will work for your schedule's and the Councillor's. So pleased that we'll have TDSB representation.

Annely

Julio Rigores [\[mailto:Julio.Rigores@torontohousing.ca\]](mailto:Julio.Rigores@torontohousing.ca)

Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 5:00 PM

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Subject: Regent Park Construction Liaison Committee

Hello Everyone,

Hope this email finds you well!

Just wanted extend the invitation we made at the last SDP Stakeholders meeting to all our members to participate in the Construction Liaison Committee.

You are invited!

Regent Park Community Construction Liaison Committee

Wednesday February 29th, 6:30-7:45pm

500 Dundas Street E (Regent Park Condominium Sales Centre)

Toronto Community Housing, along with its partner, The Daniels Corporation, has created a Regent Park Community Construction Liaison Committee to connect with residents and neighbours of Regent Park on issues related to construction in the community. We want to understand how construction at Regent Park is affecting your local environment. We want to hear your concerns directly so that we may implement mitigation measures to reduce the impacts of construction. We will also be presenting information about construction timing and current construction mitigation measures that are in place.

Staff from Councillor Pam McConnell's office, Toronto Community Housing, and The Daniels Corporation will be present. This is an open invitation to our first meeting; however, please RSVP to this invitation so we are aware of the number of participants. We look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,

Julio Rigores

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>>> Sheila Ward <ward14intoronto@gmail.com> 3/2/2012 12:40 PM >>>

Hi to you both,

That explains why we weren't there. We have looked high and low through various staff members, including the principal, the superintendent, my assistants, myself, planning staff, and facilities staff and there is no record anywhere of anyone being invited to a meeting about the construction site around Nelson Mandela Park PS.

I'm afraid a verbal invitation to someone on the construction site or even to the architect is not an invitation to the TDSB and explains why no one from the TDSB responded.

However, now that I am aware of the concerns, I would suggest that rather than a public meeting, it would be much more efficient and much more focused if my assistants met with you - you decide which would be better: one of you, both of you, or a designate - to let us know the specific concerns and to go over them with you with a view to arriving at solutions.

I am in the middle of a changeover in my staff so it is likely both of them will meet with you. Melanie Dickstein will be leaving my office at the end of March and Mika Bishop joined my office February 15. I believe we can quickly deal with problems relating to Nelson Mandela Park PS construction work once the two of them meet with you.

I have copied also our superintendent and our principal and I will ensure that facilities staff will be involved as appropriate, following Melanie and Mika meeting with you.

I'm sorry we were not present but, as I said, it was impossible for us to attend a meeting we knew nothing about. We will move quickly now to mitigate the problem.

Sheila

On Fri, Mar 2, 2012 at 12:22 PM, Annely Zonena <Annely.Zonena@torontohousing.ca> wrote:

Hello Bill,

Thanks for your involvement! As I mentioned at the meeting, we contacted the construction manager of TDSB site on a number of issues pertaining to site watering and communication with our neighbours and tenants. I will look for the email, but as I'm fairly frequent contact with the architect over coordination issues, I suspect that I would offered the invitation verbally. I will ensure for future invitations that I contact Trustee Ward's office directly.

Annely

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>>> Bill Eadie <bill@unbeldi.com> 3/2/2012 12:10 PM >>>

Ms. Ward: see below for a copy of my Feb 21 RSVP sent to Annely Zonena at TCHC, who scheduled the meeting and invited participants. In my Feb 21 email to TCHC, I requested that Annely invite TCHC to the meeting.

At the Feb 29 meeting, Annely confirmed that she invited TDSB to attend, but no response.

Annely: can you forward a copy of your invite to TDSB, to our school trustee, who will hopefully offer more explanation about TDSB's participation.

On 03/02/2012 11:48 AM, Sheila Ward wrote:

Dear Mr. Eadie,

Would you please send me an email, listing all the recipients, of this email I received late yesterday, and of any email sent to any tdsb representative inviting us to any meeting of anyone concerned about the construction site around Nelson Mandela Park PS.

I need both pieces of information before I can offer any response to your email to me of yesterday.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sheila Ward, Trustee

Toronto Centre

On Thu, Mar 1, 2012 at 8:28 PM, Bill Eadie <bill@unbeldi.com> wrote:

Although TDSB was invited to last night's meeting; I was very disappointed that TDSB didn't attend, or offer any reasons for not attending.

Trucks exiting the school construction site (using street access immediately west of the Nelson Mandela Park Public School building) track large amounts of dirt onto Shuter Street, in both directions. This uncontrolled dirt from the school site clogs the roadway and is not being cleaned away from the eastbound curb lane of Shuter Street, for months at a time. This has been an ongoing problem for several months, in spite of complaints from many residents.

Shuter Street residents are hopeful that TDSB will be more sensitive and responsive to complaints

about the negative impacts on the surrounding neighbourhood, of the school reconstruction activities.

The recently formed Regent Park Community Construction Liaison Committee is an excellent opportunity for both TDSB and TCHC to hear concerns from the neighbourhood. Both the school re-construction activities as well as Regent Park rebuilding, are causing disruption/inconvenience to local residents.

As our elected representative, I hope you can ensure that TDSB is represented at the next meeting.

Looking forward to your reply and comment on this issue.

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Re: Invitation: Regent Park Community Construction Liaison Committee

Date:Tue, 21 Feb 2012 17:36:42 -0500

From:Bill Eadie <bill@unbeldi.com>

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I plan to attend on Feb 29.

Suggestion: Please invite someone from TDSB (school board) who is knowledgeable about the renovation of Nelson Mandela Park Public School. Their construction is also affecting the neighbourhood. The neighbourhood needs a **single point of contact** to address concerns - hopefully this "Community Construction Liaison Committee" will be that single point of contact.

please **add the following item** to list of residents' concern:

trucks from construction sites at both TCHC and TDSB are tracking a lot of mud onto Shuter St. This debris is periodically washed/swept from the centre of the road. However, since cars are always parked on the south side of Shuter, the debris accumulates in the east-bound curb lane for several months, and never gets removed. What action will be taken by the city to **ensure that the curb lane on the south side of Shuter is cleaned, at least monthly** ?

On 02/21/2012 4:40 PM, Annely Zonena wrote:

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