



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

Date: June 19, 2017

**Subject: Report CSSS17-003
PCVS Playground Equipment Expenditures**

Purpose

A report to create a 2017 capital budget in the amount of \$221,300 and the payment of \$100,000 for the remaining costs associated with the construction of new playgrounds for Pearson child care's relocation to PCVS at 201 Mc Donnell Street.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSSS17-003 dated June 19, 2017, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

- a) That a 2017 Capital Budget in the amount of \$221,300 be created for the construction of the playgrounds for Pearson Child Care Centre at PCVS, 201 McDonnell St.
- b) That the final payment of \$148,940 to Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPRDSB) for the cost of the construction be approved.

Budget and Financial Implications

In December 2016 the CAO approved an initial payment of \$72,274 towards the construction to KPRDSB. These funds were operating funds received from the Ministry of Education and designated for capital projects for child care programs in 2015 and/or 2016. This was 100% provincial funding. If this money was not spent in 2016, it would have to have been paid back. This project is in line with the intended use as outlined in

the service agreement with the Province.

In May 2017, KPRDSB received two bids for the construction of the playground and the lowest bid was \$182,166. The chart below outlines total playground expenditures and financial contributions that have been secured from other Corporate departments.

Child Care Playgrounds	Expenses/Commitments
Toddler Playground	\$68,384
Preschool Playground	\$92,825
HST	\$20,957
Total Playground	\$182,166
Fence-both yards (including HST)	\$39,048
Total All Costs	\$221,214
Revenue Sources	
Ministry of Ed Funding	\$72,274
Recreation	\$10,000
Accessibility	\$18,450
Sustainability	\$25,000
Children's Services Unconditional Reserve	\$95,490
Total All Revenues	\$221,214
Payment to date	\$72,274
Balance owing	\$148,940

The Children's Services unconditional reserve has been used over the past few years to support child care operators with the transition costs related to the expansion of child care spaces.

Background

On March 7, 2016 the CAO approved the relocation of Pearson Child Care Centre to 201 McDonnell Street. The anticipated move of Pearson Child Care will take place in early August 2017. This move allows for improved functionality and addresses accessibility limitations that exist in the current location. It also provides an excellent opportunity to provide access to a safe outdoor playground for neighborhood children and families. The planned expansion and relocation of the Pearson program was included in the 2017 budget. Playground construction is scheduled to begin in June.

Discussions between KPRDSB and City Staff have been ongoing. The school board has the lead on the planning and tendering of the renovation of the interior space and playground. The City will be a tenant in the newly developed site. These plans and associated operating costs were outlined in the 2017 budget.

Capital funding has been provided from the Ministry of Education to KPRDSB for the required renovations to classrooms. The City of Peterborough as the 3rd party child care provider has agreed to contribute towards the project in an amount equal to the value of the cost of the outdoor playground construction through a combination of Provincial and Municipal funds. The remaining balance of the City's contribution in the amount of \$148,940 will be covered through use of the unconditional reserve that has been used over the past few years to support child care operators with the transition costs related to the expansion of child care spaces.

As part of the agreement with KPRDSB the child care program will have exclusive use of the outdoor playground space between 6:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday to Friday and the public will be permitted to use the playgrounds after 6:00 pm and on weekends. The ongoing maintenance costs for the playground will be shared between KPRDSB and the City of Peterborough. The City's share of the maintenance has been approved as part of the Pearson Child Care's operating budget.

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