



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee

From: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

Meeting Date: February 11, 2016

Subject: Report CSSSJSSC16-002
Local Employment Planning Council-Pilot Project

Purpose

A report to provide the Joint Services Steering Committee with an overview of the recently announced Local Employment Planning Council-Pilot Program (LEPC) funded by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

Recommendation

That the Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC16-002 dated February 11, 2016, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the Report and the presentation by the Workforce Development Board on the Local Employment Planning Council Pilot Program be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no additional budget or financial implications resulting from the endorsement of the recommendations in this report.

Background

In 2012, the Provincial Government committed to move forward with Employment and Training Services Integration (ETSI). ETSI has been led by MTCU to modernize, align and integrate Ontario's employment and training programs from across various government ministries to improve stakeholder outcomes and better meet client needs.

In the 2014 Fall Economic Statement, the Province announced plans to pilot LEPCs under the ETSI initiative. The goal of the pilot projects is to improve employment and training service planning and labour market conditions in communities, while promoting place-based approaches to workforce development. LEPC will enhance the collection, analysis and distribution of local labour market information to support and inform community stakeholders, including the City of Peterborough.

Eight communities across the province were identified as pilot sites including Durham, Peel-Halton, Windsor, London, Middlesex-Oxford, Ottawa, Timmins, Thunder Bay and Peterborough. Through an open Call for Proposal, process delivery agents were selected by MTCU in each pilot site. In Peterborough, the Workforce Development Board (WDB) was selected as the successful proponent through this competitive process.

The LEPC pilots are time-limited and include a four-month start-up period and operate for a total of 18 months starting on December 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2017. MTCU has allocated significant financial resources totalling approximately \$1.3M to support LEPC development in Peterborough County/City, Northumberland County, City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County.

The Social Services Division partnered with WDB in its proposal to MTCU. Our shared past experiences include collaborating on the Integrated Local Labour Market Plan, the development of the Community Employment Resource Partnership Network and, most recently, the development of online referral and service coordination protocols which have proven to be very successful. A continued partnership and active cooperation with WDB will support a successful LEPC pilot. The Social Services Division is assisting the project through in-kind contributions estimated to be approximately \$20,000 during the life of the 18-month project. A partnership between WDB and the many other LEPC partners including the Social Services Division will build on the strength of our current relationships to benefit the Peterborough area now, and into the future.

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