



City of
Peterborough

TO: Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee

FROM: Ken Doherty, Director of Community Services

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Report CSSSJSSC09-007
Highlights of Social Services Program Statistics- Q1 2009

PURPOSE

A report to provide the Joint Services Steering Committee with a summary of the Social Services Division Program Statistics to the end of Q1 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC09-007 dated May 14, 2009, of the Director of Community Services, as follows:

That the Social Services Statistical Report be received for information.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional budget or financial implications as a result of this report.

BACKGROUND

The Social Services statistics report for the period from January 1, 2009 until March 31, 2009 is attached as Appendix A. This report provides an overview of relevant activities and outcomes for Peterborough Social Services programs.

The following are a few of the highlights contained in these statistics:

- From December 31, 2008 to March 31, 2009, Ontario Works actual caseloads have increased 341 cases or 11.7% (17.8% County; 10.4% City). The current projection is an increase of 994 cases or 34.1% by December 31, 2009
- Ontario Works gross mandatory benefit costs are over expended. Effective March 31st, the City has spent 27.4% of the budgeted benefits and the County has spent 29.0%
- Ontario Works gross mandatory benefits costs at year end are projected now to be over budget by 17.0%, or \$3,780,970.
- This would result in increased funding from the province of \$3,024,776, and a municipal deficit of approximately \$620,000 for the City and \$136,000 for the County.
- The increase is due primarily to a significant decrease in the rate of terminations (especially due to employment)
- Bed days at all three Hostels has increased over Q1 last year
- Wait times to booking of first interviews is 3.3. days, still within Ontario Works standards of 4 days
- Number of visits to Peterborough Employment Resource Centre is slightly down (1%); Visits to outreach and job fairs has increased

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Attachments: Appendix A – Social Services Quarterly Statistical Report – Q1 2009