



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee

From: Sandra Clancy, Chief Administrative Officer
and Acting Commissioner of Community Services

Meeting Date: September 12, 2019

Subject: Report CSSSJSSC19-012
Impacts to Children's Services Directly Operated Programs
and Expansion Plan

Purpose

A report to provide an update regarding the continuation of the expansion of childcare spaces and transition out of direct operation of childcare programs in the City and County of Peterborough.

Recommendation

That the Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC19-012 dated September 12, 2019, of the CAO and Acting Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

That the attached Report CAO19-010 dated September 9, 2019 of the Chief Administrative Officer be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

The detailed Budget and Financial implications are provided in the attached report.

Based on the projected child care licensed spaces, the municipal breakdown is cost shared City/County 70/30 in 2019 and 69/31 in 2020. The proposed increase in the 2020 Budget over 2019, which includes funding for the Expansion Plan and running the directly operated programs until June 26, 2020, is \$107,145 for the City and \$74,172 for the County. Without the transition out of directly operated spaces, the increases would be \$304,128 and \$162,671 accordingly. For the 2021 budget, the cost of the Directly Operated Child Care will be zero, or a decrease of \$285,481, split \$196,982 for the City and \$88,499 for the County.

Background

The attached Report CAO19-010 was discussed by members of the General Committee at the City of Peterborough on September 9, 2019 and will be going to City Council for final approval on September 23, 2019.

As detailed in General Committee Report C555J55C19-004, funding and service impacts to Children's Services from the Provincial Budget of June 10, 2019 were proposed to increase the local municipal share of certain programs.

As the Service Manager, it is the City's responsibility to consider the long-term sustainability of child care and early years programs in our community. All decisions must take into consideration the impact to the entire system, while continuing to deliver quality programs, value for money and minimal disruption to families and child care operators in the system.

For the Expansion Plan for Children's Services to continue, a 20% municipal share is necessary. In addition, municipalities are expected to pay a greater share of the administration. The City has been in the business of Directly Operated Programs for 50 years but 90% of the spaces are delivered by third-party organizations. Other municipalities have also divested themselves of directly operated programs over the years. If the recommendations are approved, the City would close the directly operated programs on June 26, 2020.

Submitted by,

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Attachment:

Appendix A – Report CAO19-010 – Impacts to Children's Services Directly Operates Programs and Expansion Plan