



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the Joint Services Steering Committee**

From: **Allan Seabrooke, Commissioner of Community Services**

Meeting Date: **June 14, 2018**

Subject: **Report CSSSJSSC18-002
Community-Based Early Years and Child Care Capital Funding**

Purpose

A report to provide an update on new provincial Community-Based Early Years and Child Care Capital funding for 2018-2019.

Recommendation

That the Joint Services Steering Committee endorse the recommendation outlined in Report CSSSJSSC18-002, dated June 14, 2018 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That the report on new capital funding for Early Years and Child Care be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications to the City or County. All new capital funds are 100% provincial funding with funding in the amount of 1.35 million approved in 2018 for two projects that create 64 new licensed child care spaces.

Background

In November, 2017 the Ministry of Education announced details of a new Community-Based Capital funding program for child care and child and family programs (CBCP). The CBCP supports the government’s vision to ensure that all children and families have access to a range of high-quality, affordable child care programs and services that contribute to children’s learning, development and well-being. In 2017, the government committed to help 100,000 more children access affordable, quality licensed child care over five years and as part of this commitment, the government is making new capital investments. Over the next two years the government will provide capital funding for new construction, renovations, retrofits, and additions to support the creation of new licensed child care spaces in community-based facilities for children 0-4 years.

City staff, working in collaboration with community partners submitted a CBCP funding application in January for three capital projects. In April, 2018 the Ministry of Education confirmed approval of funding for the following two projects:

Child Care Operator & Location	Expanded Access	Anticipated Opening	Project Funding
Trent Child Care - 832 Charles St, Bridgenorth	15	Sep-18	\$200,000
Compass ELC - 526 McDonnel St, Peterborough	49	Sep-19	\$1,150,000
Total	64 spaces		\$1,350,000

Funding for both projects will flow to the municipality for payment to the operator in accordance with the terms and conditions set out by the Ministry. The initial cash flow is expected in the spring of 2018 and will be 66 percent of the total project costs. The subsequent cash flow of 34 percent will be flowed once staff receive and submit the project floor plan approval letter issued by the Ministry’s Licensing branch.

The municipality is responsible for implementing appropriate measures to ensure that the project cost and scope are within the approved funding, and adhere to operational requirements. Projects are required to open no later than December 31, 2020.

Summary

The province has provided an additional investment of \$1.35 million in 100% capital funding to the municipality to support the government's vision to ensure that all children and families have access to a range of high-quality, affordable child care programs and services. This funding will support the creation of 64 new licensed child care spaces in the City and in Selwyn Township. This is welcome news for children and families who rely on high quality, licensed child care services in order to work and go to school.

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