



Human Services Committee Agenda

Friday, June 1, 2018
11:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
County Administration Centre,
Walkerton

1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

2. Action Items

- A. 2018 Child Care Services Agreement Amendment Two (attached)
- B. Child Care Service Agreement - Horizon Child Care (attached)
- C. Child Care Service Agreement - Monkey Barrel (attached)
- D. Green Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement (attached)
- E. Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Portable Housing Benefit - Special Priority Policy (attached)

3. Next Meeting

July 5, 2018

4. Adjournment



Committee Report

To: Warden Paul Eagleson
Members of the Human Services Committee

From: Christine MacDonald
Director of Human Services

Date: June 1, 2018

Re: 2018 Child Care Service Agreement Amendment Two

Recommendation:

That authorization be given to execute the 2018 Amended Child Care Service Agreement, as per by-law 2018-22, and

That approval is granted for the authorization of a budget amendment to include the additional revenue for the Year 2 Expansion Plan Funding.

Background:

The Ministry of Education released the Child Care Allocations to Consolidated System Service Managers across Ontario. 2018 allocations are based on the "Ontario Child Care and Child and Family Programs Service Management and Funding Guideline" which broadly outlines municipal service requirements for the Children's Service Sector.

The County of Bruce allocation for 2018 totals \$6,084,916. The total contract provides funding to manage the local Child Care System and goes further to provide special purpose funding through the Expansion Plan and the Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (ELCC) to support the commitment of both the federal and provincial government to provide investments to increase quality, accessibility, affordability, flexibility and inclusivity.

Dollars attached to the Child Care Expansion Plan are to be used by System Service Managers to create access to licensed child care. Year 2 Expansion Plan allocation values have been determined based on previous financial reporting data and available fee information from the Provincial Licensed Child Care Operators Survey.

The 2018 Amended Child Care Service Agreement includes amended Schedules D, E, F and H2. The amended schedules reflect the Year 2 Expansion Plan Funding.



Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

The 2018 Amended Child Care Agreement outlines and includes the allocation for the Expansion Plan Year 2 funding. The allocation represents an increase of \$144,473 to the approved 2018 budget.

The attached Amended Service Agreement is of standard content; the passing of recommendation will allow for authorization to execute the amended agreement.

There are no staffing or IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Departmental Staff will work with the Finance staff to amend the necessary budget details based on the funding allocation.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #5 - The Elimination of Red Tape.

Element # E - Focus on the internal and external customer/client needs first through providing community based services.

Written by: Andrea Riley, Children's Services Manager

Approved by:

Kelley Coulter
Chief Administrative Officer



Committee Report

To: Warden Paul Eagleson
Members of the Human Services Committee

From: Christine MacDonald
Director of Human Services

Date: June 1, 2018

Re: Child Care Service Agreement - Horizon Child Care

Recommendation:

That a by-law be introduced to enter into a Service Agreement for child care services with Horizon Child Care.

Background:

Horizon Child Care is owned by Saba Rafiq and located at 641 Market Street, Port Elgin ON N0H 2C0. Horizon Child Care is a community based facility that offers quality programming for children, fully focused on supporting the health development of young children. Structured programming for registrants looks to improve competencies in the areas of communication, fine and gross motor development and problem solving. The program is a for-profit child care centre and has met all Ministry of Education requirements. The Ministry of Education has licensed Horizon Child Care Centre for 15 child care spaces, including 6 toddlers and 9 preschoolers.

Upon ratification by Council, Child Care Caseworkers will begin working with families to secure subsidized child care at Horizon Child Care. These additional child care spaces will help families currently on the Bruce County subsidy waitlist obtain quality licensed child care in their community. It is a Ministry of Education requirement for Municipal Service Managers to have Purchase of Service Agreements in place with all child care centres where subsidized child care is provided.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Child care fees paid to Horizon Child Care have been accounted for in the 2018 Child Care and Fee Subsidy budget. Fee Subsidy is monitored monthly by Children's Services staff to ensure the annual budget allocation is not exceeded.



Interdepartmental Consultation:

No interdepartmental consultations have occurred related to this initiative.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #5 - The Elimination of Red Tape.

Element # E - Focus on the internal and external customer/client needs first through providing community based services.

Written by: Andrea Riley, Children's Services Manager

Approved by:

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Kelley Coulter

Chief Administrative Officer



Committee Report

To: Warden Paul Eagleson
Members of the Human Services Committee

From: Christine MacDonald
Director of Human Services

Date: June 1, 2018

Re: Child Care Service Agreement - Monkey Barrel
Indoor Play Inc.

Recommendation:

That a by-law be introduced to enter into a Service Agreement for child care services with Monkey Barrel Indoor Play Inc.

Background:

Monkey Barrel Indoor Play Inc. is owned by Jody Johnson and located at 260 Godrich Street, Port Elgin ON N0H 2C1. Monkey Barrel Indoor Play Inc. is a community based facility that offers children's programming and child care. Structured programming for registered participants is focused on healthy child development. The program is a for-profit child care centre and has met all Ministry of Education requirements. The Ministry of Education has licensed Monkey Barrel for 26 child care spaces, including 6 infants, 10 toddlers and 10 preschoolers.

Upon ratification by Council, Child Care Caseworkers will begin working with families to secure subsidized child care at Monkey Barrel. These additional child care spaces will help families currently on the Bruce County subsidy waitlist obtain quality licensed child care in their community. It is a Ministry of Education requirement for Municipal Service Managers to have Purchase of Service Agreements in place with all child care centres where subsidized child care is provided.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Child care fees paid to Monkey Barrel Indoor play Inc. have been accounted for in the 2018 Child Care and Fee Subsidy budget. Fee Subsidy is monitored monthly by Children's Services staff to ensure the annual budget allocation is not exceeded.



Interdepartmental Consultation:

No interdepartmental consultations have occurred related to this initiative.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

Goal #5 - The Elimination of Red Tape.

Element # E - Focus on the internal and external customer/client needs first through providing community based services.

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Committee Report

To: Warden Paul Eagleson
Members of the Human Services

From: Christine MacDonald
Director of Human Services

Date: June 1, 2018

Re: Green Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement

Recommendation:

That a by-law be introduced authorizing the execution of the Green Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement; and

That the 2018 budget be amended to reflect the additional revenue and expenditure.

Background:

Funded through proceeds from the province's carbon market, the Green Ontario Fund is a not-for-profit provincial agency tasked with reducing greenhouse gas pollution in buildings and industry while helping Ontarians save money on energy costs. On February 9, 2018, the Green Ontario Fund (GreenON) announced the GreenON Social Housing Program for eligible social housing apartment buildings across Ontario. The program will be administered by Housing Services Corporation (HSC), will invest \$25 million to support Green House Gas (GHG)-reducing buildings generating almost a quarter of Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions.

The majority of Ontario's social housing apartment buildings were developed at a time when little attention was paid to energy-efficient design. Many of these buildings are at a stage in their life-cycles when their mechanical systems and building equipment needs to be replaced. Investments in energy efficient upgrades in these apartment buildings will reduce emissions and operating costs, improve the performance of the social housing stock in Ontario, and enhance tenant comfort.

Existing programs are already supporting GHG emissions reduction in large building with less than 100 units through the Social Housing Apartment Retrofit Program (SHARP) and Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP). GreenON Social Housing Program will serve smaller buildings. The funds will be dispersed between June 2018 and March 31, 2021.



In February 2018 Housing Services Corporation released a call for proposals for the GreenON Social Housing Fund and eligible Service Managers were invited to submit business proposals. Housing Facilities Staff prepared a submission that identified that the Bruce County portfolio

has 25 eligible buildings under the GreenON Social Housing Program criteria. Staff identified six potential projects that would allow for asset renewal, reduce operating costs, increase tenant comfort levels and ultimately reduce greenhouse gas emission. In total, the full request for funding for the six potential programs equated to \$3,213,000, which would cover the cost of construction, consulting fees, energy audits and administrative fees related to the work.

Interest in the program surpassed expectations, with over \$210 million in funding requests from 41 Service Managers. An independent panel of representatives from Ontario Ministry of Housing, Manitoba Housing, and the Green Ontario Fund evaluated submissions for the funding. The panel was pleased with the quality of the submissions and the caliber of projects put forward. All applications demonstrated a need for funding. Accordingly, the panel determined that all Service Manager Applicants would be given the opportunity to undertake at least one project in their region. The funding was allocated using a model that allocated a percentage of program funding weighted by quartile. The County of Bruce received an allocation of \$126,943.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

The allocation of \$126,943 is additional revenue to expend according to the requirements of the transfer payment agreement. Facilities staff will need to review how to best utilize the available funding against the qualifying projects identified in the Bruce County Business Case.

The Transfer Payment Agreement is of standard content; the passing of recommendation and by-law will allow authorization to execute the agreement.

There are no IT considerations associated with this report

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Departmental Staff will work with the Clerk in the administration of the agreement and the Corporate Services Department in the amendment of the budget

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

5. E. Focus on the internal and the external customer/client needs first
6. Explore alternate options to improve efficiency, service.



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Chief Administrative Officer



Committee Report

To: Warden Paul Eagleson
Members of the Human Services

From: Christine MacDonald
Director of Human Services

Date: June 1, 2018

Re: Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Portable
Housing Benefit - Special Priority Policy

Recommendation:

That the Warden and County Clerk be authorized to sign an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement between the Ministry of Housing (MHO) and Bruce County for the delivery of the Portable Housing Benefit - Special Priority Policy; and

That the 2018 approved budget be amended to reflect the new revenue and expenditure associated with the program.

Background:

In November of 2017 the province announced the investment of \$30 million over the next three years for the Portable Housing Benefit - Special Priority Policy (PHB-SPP). The program was developed to support up to 3,000 survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking and to provide households with the flexibility to choose where they want to live.

The PHB-SPP program will provide households who qualify with an additional option to meet their housing needs while also alleviating pressure on the broader social housing system. This program will provide eligible households with the option to receive a PHB to help them obtain or retain housing, rather than staying in shelters or other precarious housing situations until a social housing unit becomes available. Households who are approved to receive benefits under this program will not remain on the social housing waiting list.

A PHB is a monthly subsidy provided to low-income households to assist with housing cost. The PHB is tied to the household and moves with the household to any Service Manager in Ontario.

The PHB-SPP program will begin in July 2018. The program is provincially-funded and delivered and is available in all Service Manager areas. The role of the Service Manager is to support program delivery.



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In order to receive funding, Service Managers are required to sign a Transfer Payment agreement with the Province. Service Managers will not receive annual funding allocations. Service Manager who have signed Transfer Payment Agreements with MHO and Ministry of Finance are eligible to receive funding from MHO quarterly towards administration costs; a \$250 one-time payment for each approved applicant. Monthly benefits will be provided to the successful applicant by the Province.

Financial/Staffing Considerations:

The administrative funds received are to be used to offset the cost of supporting program delivery. Existing staff will administer the program. The 2018 budget will be amended to reflect the new revenue and expenditure associated.

Legal Considerations:

Staff will be required to support the program as outlined in the TPA.

IT Considerations:

There are no IT considerations associated with this report.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Housing Services staff will work with the Clerk in the administration of the agreement and with Corporate Services staff in the revision to the budget.

Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:

5. Eliminate our own red tape.
6. Explore alternative options to improve efficiency and service.

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