



## Human Services Committee Agenda

Thursday, August 2, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

Council Chambers  
County Administration Centre, Walkerton

### 1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

### 2. Action Items

A. Green Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement Cancelled (attached)

### 3. Information Items

A. Q2 - Bruce County Community Housing Registry Waitlist Update (attached)

B. Q2 - Child Care and Fee Subsidy Report (attached)

### 4. Act on Recommendations

That in accordance with the Procedure By-Law, staff be authorized and directed to give effect to the actions of the Human Services Committee in respect of all resolutions passed during the August 2, 2018 meeting

### 5. Next Meeting

September 6, 2018

### 6. Adjournment



## Committee Report

**To:** Warden Paul Eagleson  
Members of the Human Services Committee

**From:** Christine MacDonald  
Director of Human Services

**Date:** August 2, 2018

**Re:** Green Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement Cancelled

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### Recommendation:

**That By-law number 2018-042, a by-law to authorize the execution of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement between the Housing Services Corporation and the County of Bruce for the GreenON Social Housing Program, be repealed.**

### Background:

On June 1, 2018 staff submitted a report to committee requesting that a by-law be passed authorizing the execution of the Green Ontario Transfer Agreement and to amend Housing Facilities budget to reflect the addition of \$126,943 in provincial grants. The funds were to be used to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions in Social Housing Units.

On July 13, 2018, notification was received that the provincial government has cancelled the cap and trade Program thus terminating the Green Ontario Social Housing Program. The objective of the cancelled program had been to provide the capital resources to undertake building improvements that reduced GHGs. Bruce County will not be receiving the \$126,943 funding allocation as originally communicated from the province.

As part of the asset management program energy reduction initiatives will continue to be incorporated as feasible when undertaking renovations to housing stock.

### Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

Given that the allocation of \$126,943 will not be received the associated project will not be completed. Housing Facilities staff will continue to implement the approved 2018 capital projects.

There are no IT considerations associated with this report.



**Interdepartmental Consultation:**

Departmental Staff will work with Finance Staff to confirm the budget reflects the approved capital projects.

**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.

Written by: Tony Ban, Housing Facilities Manager

**Approved by:**

Kelley Coulter  
Chief Administrative Officer



## Committee Report

**To:** Warden Paul Eagleson  
Members of the Human Services

**From:** Christine MacDonald  
Director of Human Services

**Date:** August 2, 2018

**Re:** Q2 - Bruce County Community Housing Registry Waitlist Update

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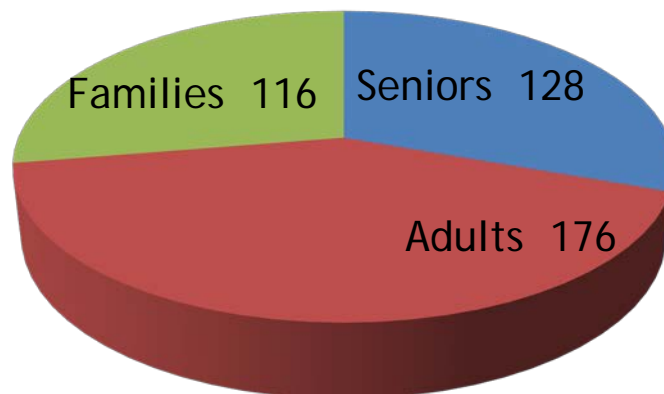
### Recommendation:

The report Q2 Bruce County Community Housing Registry Waitlist Update is for information.

### Background:

The Bruce County Community Housing Registry waitlist for the period January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 is included. There are currently 420 applicants on the waitlist; 390 rent-geared-to-income (RGI), and 30 market rent applications. There are 116 families, 176 adults, and 128 senior applications on the waitlist.

## Bruce County Community Housing Registry Waitlist Application Breakdown (June 2018)



Total Waitlist: 420  
390 RGI 30 Market

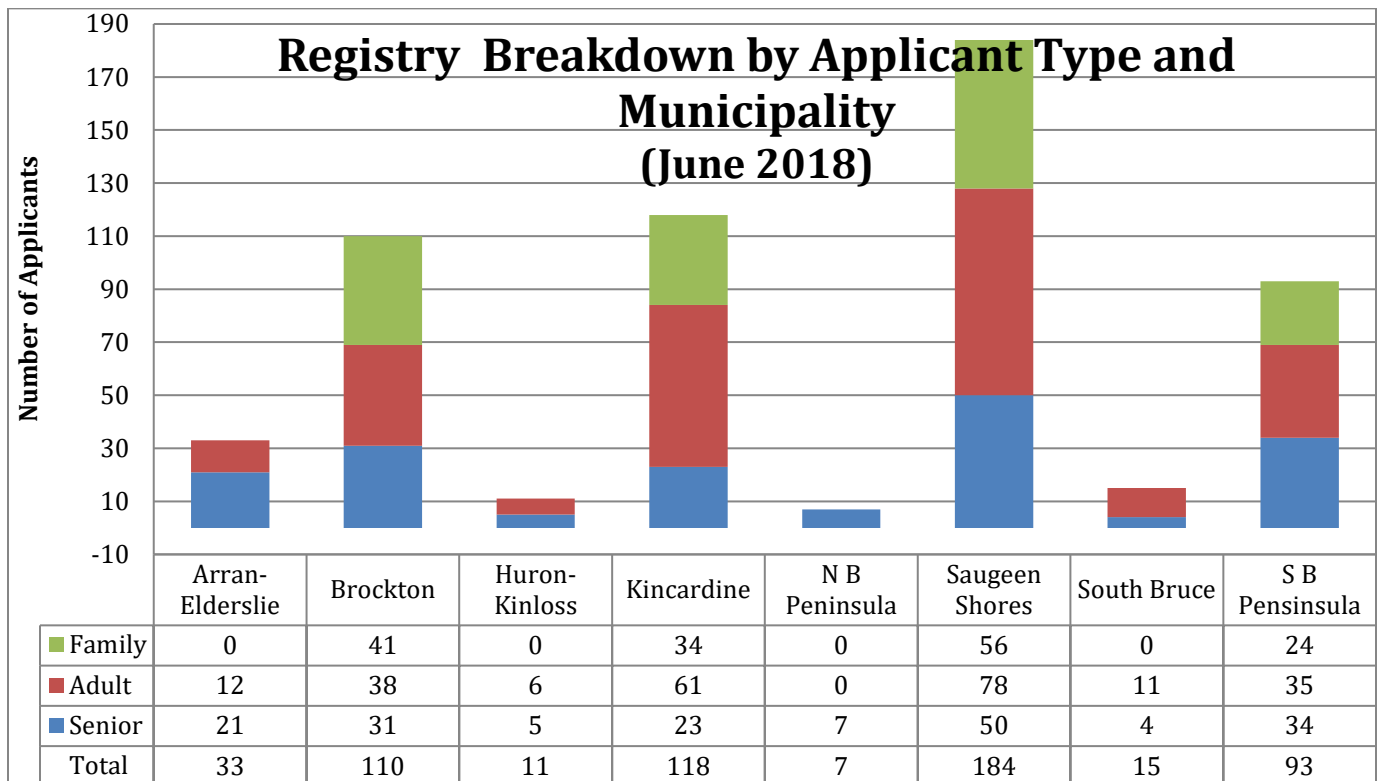


There have been 76 applicants housed between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018.

Below is a year-to-year comparison between 2017 and 2018.

	As at June 30, 2017	As at June 30, 2018
Number of applicants	408	420
RGI applicants	378	390
Market applicants	30	30
Families	91	116
Adults	190	176
Seniors	127	128

Waitlist areas continue to be high in Saugeen Shores, Kincardine, Brockton, and South Bruce Peninsula.





**Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:**

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

**Interdepartmental Consultation:**

No interdepartmental consultations have occurred related to this report.

**Link to Strategic Goals and Elements:**

Although there is no specific link to the Strategic Goals and Elements, the coordinated management of the Bruce County Community Housing Registry and the placement of households is in keeping with our strategic values of efficient, coordinated governance and a high quality of life for all residents.

Written by: Tania Dickson, Housing 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:** August 2, 2018

**Re:** Q2 Child Care and Fee Subsidy Report

### Recommendation:

The Q2 Licensed Child Care & Fee Subsidy Report is for information.

### Background:

The Children Services Program supports families to locate and access affordable child care throughout the county. Released by the Ministry of Education, Ontario's renewed Child Care Policy Framework sets out a roadmap for System Service Managers, focusing on three main priorities:

1. increasing access to child care,
2. managing affordability for families, and
3. building capacity in child care practitioners

In an effort to better track, monitor and respond to local system pressures, Bruce County uses OneList, an online child care registration system that to allow families to locate, register and apply for child care in licensed facilities. In turn, the systems data provides County staff with a snapshot of information, quantifying child care needs in each demographic area, by municipality. At the end of Q2, OneList reports 1235 active child care applications for Bruce County. The chart below breaks down the applications by municipality.

Applicants Municipality	Number of Active Child Applications
Arran Elderslie	103
Brockton	173
Huron Kinloss	44
Kincardine	221
North Bruce Peninsula	6
Saugeen Shores	482
South Bruce	34
South Bruce Peninsula	66
Grey County	84
Huron County	7
Wellington County	7
Other	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1235</b>

Waitlist applications continue to be high along the lakeshore, and staff report new applications coming forward from families living in both Wellington and Huron County. These families live outside Bruce County but are requesting child care inside the county boundary due to work proximity, family makeup/custodial care and/or child care availability.



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Taking a responsive stance to proactively manage the waitlist, Children's Services staff are working to address system pressures by building stronger relationships with Child Care Providers, solidifying Service Agreements to increase access for families, and to formalize Cross Jurisdictional Agreements for Child Care with neighbouring municipalities, Huron County and the County of Wellington.

Child Care providers continue to face challenges in operating and maintaining quality programs, while families in Bruce County and likewise across the province navigate a system where space is limited and the cost of care remains a barrier for many. For eligible families, child care fee subsidy is available through Bruce County Children Services, with priority given to families with income levels lower than \$40,000 per annum. Q2 stats report that an average of 332 children per month receive fee subsidy, with the largest financial allocation supporting the placement of preschool age children, as demonstrated in the chart on the left.

Age Group	Average monthly # of children Served (Fee Subsidy)
Infants	14
Toddler	51
Preschool	133
JK	32
SK	23
School Age	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>332</b>

As work continues in community to enhance opportunities for children and families within the Child Care Sector, Children's Service Staff continue to focus on partnership development, quality programming and outcome measurement. In early 2018, County staff worked to develop a Quality Scanning Tool 360 for Child Care - QST 360. This tool measures program quality and is based on the foundation of learning set out in the Ministry renewed framework, How Does Learning Happen.

Implementation of a Quality Scan Tool 360 helps staff look at programs through a holistic lens. The review scans 8 program areas with the intent of providing a "benchmark" for staff to visually demonstrate the program areas of strength and those priority areas of focus in each Child Care setting. The 8 areas include:

1. Site Safety Supervision
2. Relationship - Child to Child
3. Relationship - Child to Educator
4. Relationship - Educator to Educator
5. Relationship- Educator to Supervisor
6. Programming and the Environment
7. Policy & Documentation, and
8. Connection to Home and Community





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Throughout the spring, 32 programs were scanned providing relevant data to assist staff in making informed decisions about program needs and system pressures. This process collectively allows the Children's Services team to better support our community based providers and home child care programs as we continue our quest towards quality and healthy child development.

Under the direction of the Ministry of Education, the County of Bruce is one of 47 Municipal Managers tasked to manage their local Child Care System. Bruce County staff will continue to work with community partners to coordinate service and prioritize "people" as the foundation of our child care and fee subsidy program.

### Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

There are no financial, staffing, legal or IT considerations associated with this report. Staff monitor subsidy and eligibility closely to ensure compliance. expenditures are forecasted monthly to ensure participant fee allocations do not exceed the annual budget.

### Interdepartmental Consultation: Fee subsidy

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 service

Approved by:

Kelley Coulter  
Chief Administrative Officer

Quality Scan Tool (QST) 360 - Summary of Results To Date

