

Report to Council

Report Title: Brockton EarlyON Program

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Department: Operations

Date: December 17, 2018

Report Number: REC2018-17 **File Number:** C11REC

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number REC2018-17 – Brockton EarlyON Program, prepared by Eric McDougall, Parks, Recreation and Facilities Supervisor and in so doing approves providing subsidized space at the Walkerton Community Centre to support the Early Years Programming in Walkerton in 2019.

Report:

Background:

In August of 2018, the EarlyON Walkerton main site location moved from Brucelea Haven in Walkerton to Chesley. The County continues to offer monthly intergenerational programming at Brucelea Haven and weekly drop-in Active Explorers programming at the Walkerton Arena on Tuesday mornings.

Analysis:

Staff have been working with the County on bringing the Early Years Program back to Walkerton and providing space as required to ensure its location in the community. It was identified that Friday mornings at the Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium would be available and fit well within the requirements for an Early Years program. Staff will provide storage and space at a cost of \$15 dollars per session which is the rate currently extended to Early Years for the weekly drop in Active Explorers program. We are pleased to work with the County of Bruce staff on this program and it would be the recommendation of staff to accommodate the program at the Walkerton Community Centre and ensure this service continues in the Municipality of Brockton.

Beginning in the Spring of 2019, Brockton would provide space and storage for EarlyON at the Walkerton Community Centre to provide an additional drop-in program in the town of Walkerton. In the interim, Brucelea Haven will accommodate EarlyON for a Drop-In Adventures in Play program beginning January 18 and ending March 29, 2019 at the end of the EarlyON Winter Session.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?
N/A

Auditorium rentals under the current 2018 Fees and Charges By-Law exist at a rate of \$32 per hour. The program length being 4 hours will generate a rental expense of \$128.00 per session. We would continue with a rental rate of \$15 per session at a cost savings to Early Years of \$113 per session. Without cost subsidy it is likely that this program would not be able to exist in our community as EarlyON resources are stretched in order to provide the level of programming that they currently offer. The cost subsidy supports the County’s efforts to provide local programming and Council’s request to ensure EarlyOn programming remains in Brockton.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



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Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer