

Report to Council

Report Title: Brockton Child Care Closing due to Training
Prepared By: Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor/RECE
Department: Child Care
Date: January 31, 2023
Report Number: BCCC2023-01 **File Number:** C11BR

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BCCC2023-01 – Brockton Child Care Centre Closing due to Training, prepared by Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor/RECE, for information purposes and supports the March 24, 2023 training day for Brockton Child Care staff.

Report:

Background:

The Ministry of Education initiated the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System Funding (CWELCC) program which includes supporting professional development training as well as lowering child care fees. The first professional learning day was October 28, 2022 which was attended by 250 Child Care educators held at the Cargill Community Centre. Brockton Child Care staff participated in this training. Operators can apply to the County of Bruce for funding to off-set lost revenue. Lost revenues, wages for additional staff (i.e. supply staff not scheduled daily) and mileage for staff to attend will be covered.

Analysis:

The Counties of Bruce, Grey, Huron and Stratford are arranging a second professional learning day to be held at the Blue Mountain Resorts on March 24, 2023. This will require closing the Centre and School Age Programs so all educators are able to attend the training sessions. Families will not be charged for March 24, 2023. Families will be given advance notice of closure of the programs.

We support the ongoing training of our staff and the opportunity to provide this to ensure ongoing quality child care. We bring this closure to Council's attention for information purposes.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

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

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | No |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | No |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

The Centre will be reimbursed for revenue lost, mileage, and wages for additional staff attending by the County of Bruce.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer