

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Brockton Child Care Centre Closure Due to Training 2024		
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Manager/RECE		
<b>Department:</b>	Child Care		
<b>Date:</b>	June 18, 2024		
<b>Report Number:</b>	BCCC2024-04	<b>File Number:</b>	C11BR
<b>Attachments:</b>	N/A		

### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number BCCC2024-04 – Brockton Child Care Centre Closure Due to Training 2024, prepared by Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Manager/RECE and in doing so supports the September 27, 2024 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. Brockton Child Care Centre staff participated in the first two Professional Learning Days in 2022 and 2023 with Council's approval to close the Centre in 2023 for 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 are covered.

#### Analysis:

Bruce County Social Services Child Care division are arranging a third professional learning day in Port Elgin on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 September 27, 2024. 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?

- 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

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Manager/RECE

**Reviewed By:**



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer