

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Brockton Child Care Centre Closure Due to Training – October 3, 2025

**Prepared By:** Carri-Ann Scott: Manager, Child Care Services

**Department:** Child Care

**Date:** May 13, 2025

**Report Number:** BCCC2025-02

**File Number:** C11BR

**Attachments:**

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby approves Report Number BCCC2025-02 – Brockton Child Care Centre Closure Due to Training – October 3, 2025, prepared by Carri-Ann Scott: Manager, Child Care Services and in doing so approves closing the Brockton Child Care Centre on October 3, 2025 for the training day for Brockton Child Care Centre Staff.

### Report:

#### Background:

In August 2021, Canada and Ontario signed the Early Childhood Workforce Funding Agreement, which provides funding to support the retention and recruitment of a high-quality childcare and early years workforce.

The Ministry of Education's approach to this funding provides flexible, multifaceted strategies that recognize the importance of recruiting new individuals into the profession and retaining, supporting, and recognizing the existing childcare and early years workforce.

One of the strategies Bruce County is implementing in 2025 is a full-day professional learning event for all Bruce County childcare. Brockton Child Care Centre staff participated in the first three Professional Learning Days in 2022, 2023, and 2024, with Council's approval to close the Centre in 2023 and 2024 for this training. Operators can apply to the County of Bruce for funding to offset 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 is arranging a fourth professional learning day in Port Elgin on October 3, 2025. This will require closing the Centre and School Age Programs so all educators can attend the training sessions. Families will not be charged for October 3, 2025. Families will be given advance notice of

the 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:**

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| 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 by the County of Bruce for revenue lost, mileage, and wages for additional staff attending.

**Reviewed By:**



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Carri-Ann Scott: Manager, Child Care Services

**Reviewed By:**



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer