

Report to Council

Report Title:	Brockton Child Care Centre and Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board Childcare and Renovation Project		
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Department:	Brockton Child Care Centre		
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Report Number:	BCCC2025-08	File Number:	C11BR
Attachments:	BGCDSB Capital Priority Summary		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BCCC2025-08 – Brockton Child Care Centre and Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board Childcare and Renovation Project prepared by Carri-Ann Scott, Manager, Child Care Services and Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer in so doing acknowledges the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board’s submission of a formal Capital Priorities Funding proposal for a new purpose-built child care facility and related St. Teresa school renovation.

Report:

Background:

This report intends to provide an update to Council to outline the Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board (“BGCDSB”) multi-phase plan to address child care capacity needs and optimize instructional space at St. Teresa of Calcutta in Brockton.

A Capital Priority application was opened by the Province and the BGCDSB has finalized and submitted a Capital Priorities Funding application to the Ministry of Education for a significant child care capital project.

Analysis:

Project Overview

The project proposed by BGCDSD includes two phases:

Phase 1 – New Child Care Facility

- Construction of a **10-room, purpose-built child care centre** adjacent to the existing school, intended to increase licensed child care capacity by approximately **78 spaces** and modernize program spaces to meet long-term community needs.
- Pending approval, BGCDSB anticipates:
 - **Funding results in Spring 2026.**
 - **Projected opening** of the new child care facility in **Fall 2030.**

Phase 2 – Renovations to Existing Child Care Space

- Once child care programming relocates to the new facility, BGCDSB plans to renovate the existing child care space for school classroom purposes.
- Renovations would create additional **K–8 instructional space**, supporting enrolment needs and modern learning environments.

Analysis:

The project aligns with the Municipality of Brockton’s long-standing goals to:

- Address child care shortages in the community.
- Strengthen partnerships with local school boards.

A purpose-built child care facility of this scale would significantly enhance long-term capacity, reduce waitlists, and better serve families across the municipality.

Renovations to the school’s current child care area will also help the Board manage growing enrolment and improve the efficiency of shared spaces between the school and licensed child care.

Staff will continue working closely with BGCDSB, Bruce County Children’s Services, and the Ministry of Education as the project progresses.

Next Steps

- Await provincial funding decisions expected in **Spring 2026.**
- Continue operational planning with BGCDSB to support the transition to a new facility.
- Return to Council with updates as major milestones are reached or when municipal approvals are required.

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 | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | Yes |
| • 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

There are no financial commitments required from the Municipality at this stage. Any future implications related to equipment to support this expansion will be brought forward to Council for consideration as required.

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