

Report to Council

Report Title: Brockton Child Care Centre Non-Resident Charges
Prepared By: Sharon Bross RECE, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor
Department: Child Care
Date: April 28, 2020
Report Number: BCCC2020-03 **File Number:** C11BC

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BCCC2020-03 – Brockton Child Care Centre Non-Resident Charges, prepared by Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor and in doing so does not recommend charging a non-resident fee to families outside of Brockton that use the Brockton Child Care Centre.

Report:

Background:

The Municipality of Brockton Council requested the Day Care Committee investigate the option of charging extra fees to non-Brockton residents who use the Brockton Child Care Centre but do not reside in Brockton.

Analysis:

This item was brought to the attention of the Day Care Committee on February 18, 2020. The Committee members were unanimously against charging extra fees to non-Brockton residents. The Committee felt with the difficulty in finding child care today parents should not be burden further with extra fees. Also, some of the families using the Centre, who are outside of Brockton, do not have Child Care Centres where they reside. The Committee also felt these families were spending money in Brockton (restaurants, grocery stores, clothing stores etc.) which benefits the economic prosperity of the Municipality.

Two other Municipal run Child Care Centres were contacted; North Huron Children’s Centre (Wingham) and Goderich Municipal Child Care Centre. Neither of these Centres charge non-residents extra fees. Further, information gathered from Bruce County Social Services indicates there are certain Brockton families who use childcare services in other communities based on their work situations and non-resident charge is not a practice of local providers.

In a further discussion with Bruce County Social Services they are not in support of charging non-residents of Brockton extra fees. The County supports families across Bruce County. Bruce County Social Services currently support the Brockton Child Care Centre with grants and subsidize families who use the Centre. The County subsidized the Centre with grants totalling \$334, 592.04 in 2019.

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? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- 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? Yes

The Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board and Bruce County serve families across the County. Both organizations are strong supporters of the Brockton Child Care. The number of non-resident families using the Brockton Child Care are low and a non-resident fee would not result in significant revenues but would result in increase administration.

Reviewed By:



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