

Report to Council

Report Title: Brockton Child Care Centre Sunscreen Fees
Prepared By: Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor
Department: Child Care
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Report Number: BCCC2021-02 **File Number:** C11BR

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BCCC2021-02 – Brockton Child Care Centre Sunscreen Fees, prepared by Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor and in doing so, approves an amendment to Schedule I of the Fees and Charges By-Law to include the following:

Sunscreen:

- \$10.00 per season for children who attend 4-5 days per week
- \$8.00 per season for children who attend 2-3 days per week

Report:

Background:

One of the tasks the teachers at the Brockton Child Care provide is applying sunscreen to the children before the scheduled outside times. As per Ministry of Education requirements there must be a morning and an afternoon scheduled outside time. These scheduled times must be a minimum of an hour each time.

In the past families were required to bring their own sunscreen but the teachers would apply the product. As the Centre grew so did the amount of sunscreen bottles. Prior to COVID there would have been 78 bottles of sunscreen per day to maintain. The teachers would need to ensure that each child received their own sunscreen and verify the expiry dates. Due to the administrative strain this process was creating; staff began investigating purchasing bulk sunscreen to streamline the process.

In the summer of 2020 the number of children attending during the summer was limited due to the COVID regulations. Investigating bulk sunscreen was not on our radar during this time. As the restrictions on number of children allowed in the Centre have been lifted our numbers are once again increasing. There is a potential to have 95 children in the Centre (still following physical distancing protocols) which in turn would mean 95 bottles of sunscreen per day.

Analysis:

This year bulk sunscreen has been purchased to limit the number of sunscreen bottles in each room. By limiting the number of sunscreen bottles this limits the numbers of items a teacher would touch and have to disinfect due to COVID as well as limit the number of sunscreen bottles staff need to be check for expiry dates. In addition, the bulk sunscreen would limit the number of Safety Data Sheets required. The cost of the sunscreen will be passed onto the families for a fee of \$8 for the season (for children who attend 2-3 days/week) and \$10 for the season (for children who attend 4-5 days/week). This fee would be to cover the cost of the sunscreen. Children that have sensitives to sunscreen will be required to bring their own specialized sunscreen. I am working with Public Health to prepare a sunscreen application policy that will protect the children and staff during covid.

The bulk sunscreen will not be used in the school age programs as these children can apply their own sunscreen. The children in these programs will be required to bring their own sunscreen. The teachers will still check expiry dates and make sure that Safety Data Sheets are available for each brand of sunscreen.

This practice is consistent with the practices in other child care centres and is being implemented in the interest of protecting staff and children and minimizing administrative burden. The Consolidated Fees By-Law will be brought forward to include the fee as proposed.

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

This Fee is a cost recovery fee only.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sharon Bross, Brockton Child Care Centre Supervisor

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer