

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Council Report

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Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: All

Subject: Children's Services 2017 Funding and Allocations

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Recommendation(s):

RESOLVED THAT Report SOC2017-003, **Children's Services Update and Funding Allocations**, be received.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

The City of Kawartha Lakes is the designated Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) for Children's Services in the City and County of Haliburton. The City, through the Social Services Division, enters into an annual Service Contract with the Ontario Ministry of Education (MEDU) for Children's Services funding under the Child Care and Early Years Act.

Due to the timing of the funding allocations from MEDU the City's 2017 Operating Budget was developed and approved based on 2016 funding levels. The revised 2017 subsidy levels were released by MEDU on April 28.

The current provincial funding formula was first implemented in 2013. Since 2013, the cumulative increase in provincial funding locally totals \$2,578,621 and includes additional funding for 2017 allocated specifically to support increasing access to licensed care.

CMSMs are required to maintain a minimum municipal contribution equal to the 2012 annualized cost share requirements. The total for the CMSM is approximately \$625,725.

The province continues to provide the wage enhancement initiative for licensed child care and home child care program staff. This initiative is 100% provincially funded and once all applications have been reviewed and approved, the province will provide sufficient funding to fully meet the costs of the program.

Rationale:

The CMSM has the responsibility of allocating funding to individual agencies consistent with provincial and local guidelines and policies. The allocations of subsidy for 2017 were determined consistent with the allocation model that has been in place since 2013. While the provincial funding identified in Table 1 is based on allocation categories, the expenditures can be allocated to agencies in the following program areas:

- Administration: for CMSM expenses related to delivery agent role
- Operating Funding: ongoing child care agency operating expenses
- Special Needs Resourcing: agency funding for programs for children with special needs
- Fee Subsidy: assistance with child care fees for eligible families based on income
- Small Water Works: for one agency's water testing requirements
- Capital: assists in creating new or retrofitting facilities to serve children 0 – 4 years of age
- Planning: supports the local Children's Services Planning Table in broader community service planning and co-ordination

- Data Analysis Services: funding specifically allocated for the Data Analysis Coordinator position

The last four program areas listed above have specific program criteria relating to special projects or needs and have limited or no flexibility to use for other programs areas.

Table 1 below lists the 2015-2017 provincial subsidies for Children's Services based on the Ministry's funding categories.

Table 1: Provincial Funding Allocations

Funding Category	Component	2015 Allocations	2016 Allocations	2017 Allocations
Operating				
Core Services Delivery		4,180,959	4,116,619	4,722,858
Special Purposes Allocation	Rural/Remote	675,910	682,670	811,190
	Language	35,934	36,293	43,126
	FDK Transition	247,076	250,280	0
	Transformation	24,069	24,799	0
	Cost of Living	151,193	153,495	181,340
	Indigenous	10,949	18,773	22,308
	Capacity Building	29,583	30,212	35,189
	Repairs and Maintenance	12,287	12,593	13,585
	Utilization	-48,076	-59,151	275
Capital	Retrofits	35,583	44,701	0
Capping		- 94,808	- 74,658	-60,432
Total Operating		5,260,659	5,236,626	5,769,438¹
Other Allocations				
Small Water Works		2,805	2,805	1,914
Wage Enhancement		267,793	609,886	616,515
Wage Enhancement Administration		0	25,574	25,574
Total Other Allocations		270,598	638,265	644,003
Family Support Programs				
Data Analysis Services		0	0	73,153
Planning – Regular		20,600	20,600	20,600
Planning – Indigenous		1,800	1,800	1,800
Total Family Support Programs		22,400	22,400	95,553
Expansion Funding				381,111
GRAND TOTAL		5,553,657	5,897,291	6,890,105

In June of 2017 the Ministry announced a shared commitment by the Ontario and Federal governments to provide investments in early learning and child care to increase quality, accessibility, affordability, flexibility and inclusivity. The intent of this funding is to help parents, families and communities in their efforts to ensure the best possible future for their children. The CMSM's allocation under this initiative for 2017 and for the first quarter in 2018 is \$381,111. The total funding available to the CMSM for 2017 is \$6,890,105.

¹ Total due to provincial rounding

Changes in 2017 allocations to agencies reflect changes as calculated under each agencies eligible allocation under the funding formula including additional funding.

Table 2 below lists the anticipated funding allocations by program area and agency and includes the required municipal cost share. Agencies funding allocations were reviewed and adjusted as per Ministry guidelines, local policies and procedures.

Table 2: Agency and Program Operating Funding²

Program Area	Agency	2015 Funding	2016 Funding	2017 Funding	Variance (from 2016)
General Operating	Bobcaygeon Day Care and Nursery School Corp.	286,416	357,056	363,652	6,596
	Boys and Girls Clubs Kawartha Lakes	246,800	246,800	305,682	58,882
	Haliburton Wee Care Day Nursery	155,141	171,621	171,621	0
	Heritage Christian School	37,880	37,880	37,880	0
	Compass	657,459	610,390	786,159	175,769
	Mother's Reaching Out Nursery School	18,945	17,322	0	(17,322)
	Omeme Children's Centre	160,690	157,099	216,474	59,375
	Ontario Early Years Centre Victoria-Haliburton-Brock	143,651	128,311	125,311	(3,000)
	Preschool Centre for Child Enrichment (Lindsay Montessori)	58,261	45,483	42,483	(3,000)
	Wentworth Day Care Services (Wee Watch Home Child Care)	65,000	65,000	87,400	22,400
Special Needs Resourcing	Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Families	377,441	377,441	388,023	10,582
	Community Living Kawartha Lakes	1,045,077	1,045,077	1,075,100	30,023
Capacity Building	Community Living Kawartha Lakes	95,000	95,000	95,000	0
Small Water Works	Haliburton Wee Care	2,805	2,805	1,914	(891)
Capital Funding	Boys and Girls Clubs Kawartha Lakes			120,000	120,000
Wage Enhancement	Child Care Agencies		614,886	642,089	27,203
Total Agency Funding		3,350,566	3,971,570	4,458,788	486,617
Fee Subsidy Funding		2,091,341	2,056,919	2,651,578	237,951
Total Funding		5,441,907	6,028,489	7,110,366	724,568

The additional 100% provincial funding in 2017 will increase access, affordability and the number of licensed child care spaces. Supported initiatives for 2017 and the first quarter of 2018 include:

² Agency funding includes any municipal contribution as applicable

- Ten new infant spaces in Omemee
- Fifteen additional toddler spaces in Lindsay
- Expanding home child care to include an additional 7 homes with an emphasis on growth in northern Kawartha Lakes and the County of Haliburton
- Subsidy to reduce home child care per diems in northern Kawartha Lakes and the County of Haliburton
- Opening before and after school programs in 4 schools located in Woodville, Fenelon Township, Mariposa and Cardiff
- Supporting the re-opening of the child care program that was located at the Alternative Adult Education Centre in Lindsay supporting 3 infant, 5 toddler and 9 preschool spaces.

The demand for subsidized child care did decrease for 2016 but with the increase in number of spaces for 2017 and with the increase in child care per diems, we are anticipating an increase in demand for fee subsidy. These increases will be supported with the additional 100% provincial funding. In 2016, \$2,097,254 in fee subsidies was issued to support 734 children in licensed child care.

The tables below are an example of some of the data sets used in our allocation review process. The tables show the number of children 0 – 12 located in both the City of Kawartha Lakes and the County of Haliburton, the percentage of children compared to the number of licensed spaces and the minimum and maximum child care per diem fees.

Haliburton County	# of Children 2016	Number of Licensed Spaces		% of Licensed Spaces to Children		Full Day Child Care Fees	
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Average Income \$35,510							
Infant	128	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	N/A
Toddler	163	20	30	12.3%	18.5%	\$30.45	\$35.00
Preschool	388	64	80	16.5%	20.6%	\$29.45	\$34.00
Kindergarten	382	0	25	0.0%	6.6%	\$16.00	\$20.00
Primary/Junior School Age	1023	73	75	7.1%	7.3%	\$16.00	\$20.00

Kawartha Lakes	# of Children 2016	Number of Licensed Spaces		% of Licensed Spaces to Children		Full Day Child Care Fees	
		Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Average Income \$36,873							
Infant	923	39	67	4.2%	7.3%	\$42.00	\$54.50
Toddler	908	105	135	11.6%	14.9%	\$34.00	\$43.75
Preschool	2233	259	347	11.6%	15.5%	\$31.00	\$41.30
Kindergarten	2128	225	347	10.6%	16.3%	\$18.00	\$23.00
Primary/Junior School Age	5610	401	525	7.1%	9.4%	\$18.00	\$23.00

Other Alternatives Considered:

Funding allocations for 2017 were determined based on established processes and consistent with Ministry and local formulae. City staff completed extensive analyses and reviews of data and reports to assist in the determination of funding allocations and service needs.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

All additional funding described in this report that was not included in the 2017 operating budget is 100% provincially subsidized.

Relationship of Recommendation(s) To The 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

The recommendation relates to the strategic goal of providing an exceptional quality of life by supporting access to Human Services.

The Social Service Division's approach to customer service and service planning are built on the City's mission of providing responsible, efficient and effective services. The City's values of collaboration, continuous improvement, excellence, innovation and results are woven into the fabric of our work culture

Review of Accessibility Implications of Any Development or Policy:

Funding agencies must comply with all applicable accessibility regulations and legislation.

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