

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 7/22

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Anita Legault – Childcare Manager

SUBJECT: Canada Wide Early Years Childcare Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Committee of the Whole recommend Council direct staff to negotiate the Canada Wide Early Years Childcare Agreement (CWELCC) and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Ontario has reached a \$13.2 billion commitment over six years with the federal government on a national childcare plan that works for Ontario families and will support Ontario to achieve average fees of \$10 per day by September 2025.

Ontario has secured a strong deal that is sustainable, preserves parent choice and provides optimal flexibility for Ontario and will be implemented with the following goals:

- Provide financial relief for Ontario families through lower licensed childcare fees
- Enable space creation so more families can access licensed childcare to support their children and participate in the workforce;
- Support front-line workers and ensuring there are enough qualified workers to support quality programming in current and expanded spaces, and;
- Ensure licensed childcare serves everyone, including those who need it most.

DISCUSSION:

This will mean Ontario will work with the municipalities to enroll participating licensed programs in April. Rebates to parents, retroactive to April 1st will begin in May and will follow the enrolment of childcare centres into the new program.

All Ontario families with children under the age of six, as well as children who turn six years before June 30th, including those receiving fee subsidies in participating licensed childcare can see a fee reduction of up to 25% retro to April 1st, 2022.

Parents can expect a further reduction by the end of Dec 2022 reaching an average parent fee of \$10 a day by 2025- 26 for licensed child care spaces;

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

With the announcement of CWELCC, we have had a substantial increase in applications for childcare at all levels. With adequate staffing, we can anticipate reaching our licensed capacity in all programs which will therefore increase revenue.

Further details of the roll out are forth coming.

SUMMARY:

Mississippi Mills Childcare Services is required to enter into an agreement with the Province in order to participate in the \$10 per day childcare program through an Canada Wide Early Years Childcare Agreement. Staff are seeking Council direction to negotiate and enter into this agreement.

Respectfully submitted by,

Reviewed by:

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