

1ST REPORT OF THE
CHILDCARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on February 25, 2016, commencing at 1:30 PM, in Committee Room #4, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: D. Gordon (Chair), T. Blaney, S. Carter, N. Elhayek, B. Jackson, J. Keens, S. McKee, A. Ryan, C. Wagg and J. Martin (Committee Secretary).

ABSENT: J. Rinker.

ALSO PRESENT: E. De Freitas, J. Haveman and A. Rae.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for term ending November 30, 2016

That it BE NOTED that the Childcare Advisory Committee elected D. Gordon as its Chair and J. Keens as its Vice Chair for the term ending November 30, 2016.

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

None.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

3. 3rd Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 3rd Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on October 29, 2015 was received.

4. Child Care Updates

That it BE NOTED that the following updates were received:

- a) a verbal update and the attached Child Subsidy application and placement stats from A. Rae, Manager, City of London;
- b) the attached update from H. Gerrits, Thames Valley District School Board;
- c) the attached update from T. Sulowski, London District Catholic School Board;
- d) a verbal update from B. Jackson, Partners, with respect to marketing and regulatory changes; and,
- e) a verbal update from J. Keens, with respect to licensed home childcare.

V. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

5. Adopt a Councillor/Trustee Sub-committee

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update from D. Gordon and S. McKee with respect to the Adopt-a-Councillor Initiative was received; it being noted that the Childcare Advisory Committee will proceed to extend invitations to Municipal Council and School Board Trustees to tour childcare and early years programs in their wards between May and October 2016.

6. Terms of Reference Sub-committee

None.

VI. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7. 2016 Child Care Advisory Committee Work Plan

That the attached 2016 Work Plan for the Childcare Advisory Committee BE FORWARDED to Municipal Council for consideration.

VII. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 P.M.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 3, 2016

Child Subsidy Application and Placement Stats												
	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
# paid child placements	2667	2634	2855	2842	2703	2850	2539	2491	2701	2452	2602	2564
# of applications												
# of ineligible applications												
% ineligible	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
# of children on wait list...beginning of month	275	241	191	199	194	N/A	200	403	393	477	300	356
# of wait list placements	101	62	82	76	0	0	0	0	43	248	0	0
OW Placements into DNA due to Earnings or OSAP	5	4	4	2	1	0	12	1	3	3	3	2
Emergency Placements due to Professional Referrals for immediate care												

Catholic School Board – Teresa Sulowski

We are very excited about the new family centre going into St Francis and are working closely with the city. We are also very excited about the recent announcement on Friday and are anticipating ongoing great changes for our families and community.

WE continue to move forward with our kindergarten enrollment which is strong.

Enrollment in our French immersion is up this year as well!

WE have 4 schools with child cares plus one on the way. 44 schools with before and after programs and 1 family center with one on the way.

TVDSB – Holly Gerrits

12 Schools with Child Care within the school and 2 more schools on the way in Northeast and Northwest London with child cares and family centres attached – design is well underway for the Northwest and finalized for the Northeast child cares and family centres and child care operators have been invited to the table to give input. Playground designs for the sites are next again with input from child care partners and RFPs for child care operation is due out late March

1110 Schools with Before and After School Programs

6 Schools with Parenting Family Literacy Centres

3 Schools with Family Centres with 2 more on the way

TVDSB is hosting 5 Ministry of Education representatives today at our “FDK Gateway to Learning” professional learning session. Throughout Thames Valley District School Board Child Care Advisory Committee, child care organizations who are partners with the board were invited to participate in these professional learning sessions.

Child Care Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2016

February 25, 2016

Project/Initiative	Background	Lead/Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Budget
Review of Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make recommendations or amendments if required 	Jo-elle & Sheri	February 2016	\$0
Adopt a Councillor Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate city councilors on child care including children with special needs, quality and how it relates to How Learning Happens • Tour child care centres in councilor’s ward 	CCAC Sub-committee	Spring 2016	\$0
Invitation to CCAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend an invitation to the Mayor and Chair of the Community & Protective Services Committee to attend a CCAC meeting to exchange information and follow up to Adopt-A-Councillor Program 	CCAC	Fall 2016	\$0
Evaluation of available child care spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • would provide an accurate picture of which centres have available spaces in order to better plan new expansion of child care 	CCAC	Ongoing	\$0
Review priorities for Childcare Subsidy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make recommendations for amendments if required 		Ongoing	\$0