

2ND REPORT OF THE
CHILDCARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on May 3, 2016, commencing at 1:36 PM, in Committee Room #4, Second Floor, London City Hall.

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

ABSENT: N. Elhayek, S. McKee and 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. SCHEDULED ITEMS

None.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 1st Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on February 25, 2016 was received.

3. Municipal Council Resolution - 1st Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held April 5, 2016 with respect to the 1st Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee was received.

4. Child Care Updates

That it BE NOTED that the following updates were received:

- a) the Child Subsidy Application and Placement stats and the attached child care vacancy 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; and,
- d) a verbal update from B. Jackson, Partners, with respect to marketing and regulatory changes.

5. Letter of Resignation - K. Watad

That it BE NOTED that a communication dated February 24, 2016, from K. Watad with respect to her resignation from the Child Care Advisory Committee, was received.

6. Notice of Application - City of London - City Wide

That it BE NOTED that a Notice of Application dated April 20, 2016 with respect to an application to amend the Zoning Bylaw related to the definition of "Private Home Day Care" was received.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

7. Adopt A Councillor/ Trustee Sub-Committee

That the attached letter of invitation BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council Members advising of the upcoming Adopt A Councillor tour; it being noted that the Childcare Advisory Committee received the following with respect to this matter:

- a) the attached outline;
- b) the final Adopt a Councillor package; and,
- c) a verbal update from D. Gordon;

it being further noted that this initiative is included on the Childcare Advisory Committee approved 2016 work plan.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

VI. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 P.M.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 24, 2016

Licensed Spaces and Vacancies as Reported - City of London Child Care Subsidy Sites

	Infant	Infant	Infant	Toddler	Toddler	Toddler	PRE/JK/SK	PRE/JK/SK	PRE/JK/SK	School Age	School Age	School Age	Totals	Totals	Totals
	L	V	% Use	L	V	% Use	L	V	% Use	L	V	% Use	L	V	% Use
January 2016	509	34	93.3%	1183	137	88.4%	4320	617	85.7%	3324	619	81.4%	9151	1397	84.7%
February 2016	509	29	94.3%	1183	113	90.4%	4628	634	86.3%	3617	514	85.8%	9937	1290	87.0%
March 2016	509	34	93.3%	1168	134	88.5%	4612	517	88.8%	3617	636	82.4%	9906	1321	86.7%

Thames Valley District School Board Updates – May 3, 2016

1. FDK Classroom Allocations September 2016 - We are projecting approximately 380 FDK classrooms for September 2016. This year we have 370 classrooms.
2. Request for Proposals for the new NW school and NE school child care centre operators is planned to be distributed by the end of June at the same time as the Family Centre Expression of Interests.
Each of the two child care centres will be licensed for 88 child care spaces (1 room @ 10 infants, 2 rooms @ 15 toddlers each, 2 rooms @ 24 preschoolers each).
The child care and family centre design plans are close to complete. A task group has been formed to develop the furniture and equipment requirements. Child care build and furniture and equipment is fully funded by the Ministry.
3. Of the 8 Child Care Operators who offer before and after school programs, 7 have been able to accommodate all families on the waiting lists. LCC is currently working on their waiting lists and hope to accommodate as many families as possible.

London District Catholic School Board Updates – May 3, 2016

- Full Day Kindergarten continues to move forward with a slight increase in numbers expected next September – again, the greatest impact on numbers seems to be in our French Immersion Programs
- Our staffing has settled and we do not anticipate any redundancies this year and it is too early to tell if we will need additional staff for September
- Westminster Family Center is moving forward – currently we are in the process of determining the back bone lead agency and hopefully that will be announced soon – we are very excited moving forward with the renovations on this new center
- A new Superintendent has been announced – Vince Romeo will be taking over for Sharon Wright Evans who will be retiring this year

May 3rd, 2016

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

As Chair of the Child Care Advisory Committee, I am pleased to inform you that a key strategy in our 2016 work plan is to enhance our support to Council. We will be providing current information about licensed child care in London, information specific to each councillor's ward and an opportunity to tour a licensed child care program or early year's site. We are calling this initiative *Adopt a Councillor*.

Our intent is to initiate *Adopt a Councillor* late this spring. Councillors will be contacted by a licensed child care or early year's program provider to schedule a brief tour. This will be an opportunity for councillors to meet local service providers, community members who rely on these services and to learn more about these very important programs and services in their ward.

We look forward to meeting you. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you are interested in information related to child care and early year's services.

Regards,

Diane Gordon
Chair, Child Care Advisory Committee
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ADOPT A COUNCILLOR 2016

Child Care/ Schoolage/ Family Centre	Organization	Contact	Ward #	Councillor/ Trustee	Date Visit Completed	Comments
Chelsea Green Children's Centre	Chelsea Green	Tamara Blaney	1	c- Michael van Holst		
East London	YMCA	Stephanie Isabelle Jo-elle Rinker	2	c- Bill Armstrong		
Al Taqwa Child Care	Al Taqwa Schools	Neil Elhayek	3	c- Mohammed Salih		
Salvation Army Village Child Care	Salvation Army Village Child Care	Shari Carter	4	c- Jesse Helmer		
Stoneybrook Children's Centre	London Bridge	Elaine DaSilva Mike Harkins	5	c- Maureen Cassidy		
University Child Care	YMCA	Lesley Hutton Jo-elle Rinker	6	c- Phil Squire		
Wilfrid Jury Childcare Centre	Whitehills Childcare Association	Diane Gordon	7	c- Josh Morgan t- Jake Skinner (TVDSB) Joyce Bennett (TVDSB)		
St Thomas Aquinas Childcare Centre	Whitehills Childcare Association	Diane Gordon	8	c- Paul Hubert t- Linda Steel (LDCSB)		
Byron Somerset	LCC	Julie Keens	9	c- Anna Hopkins		
Westmount Family Centre & Child Care	LCC	Eileen Smith	10	c- Virginia Ridley t- Joyce Bennett (TVDSB) Jake Skinner (TVDSB)		
La Ribambelle, Ridgewood	La Ribambelle	Nicole Blanchette	11	c- Stephen Turner		
White Oaks Family Centre & Child Care	LCC	Eileen Smith	12	c- Harold Usher t- Sheri Polhill (TVDSB) Ruth Tisdale (TVDSB)		
Montessori Academy	Montessori Academy	Margaret Whitley	13	c- Tanya Park		
Parkwood Children's Centre Westminster Child Care	Parkwood CC LCC	Barb Jackson Julie Keens	14	c- Jared Zaifman		
Chelsea Green & Merrymount	Chelsea Green & Merrymount	Tamara Blaney Jeff Haveman	Mayor	Matt Brown		
Various Licensed Home Care Providers	LCC	Julie Keens	various	Julie will coordinate with other LCC contacts		