

# Childcare Advisory Committee

## Report

2nd Meeting of the Childcare Advisory Committee  
April 10, 2018  
Committee Room #4

Attendance                   PRESENT: D. Gordon (Chair), S. Carter, B. Jackson, J. Keens,  
S. McKee and J. Rinker and J. Bunn (Acting Secretary)

ABSENT: T. Blaney, N. Elhayek, and A. Ryan

ALSO PRESENT: J. Frederick and A. Rae

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

### 1. Call to Order

#### 1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

#### 1.2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the term ending November 30, 2018

That it BE NOTED that the Childcare Advisory Committee elected D. Gordon and J. Keens as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for the term ending November 30, 2018.

### 2. Scheduled Items

None.

### 3. Consent

#### 3.1 3rd and 1st Reports of the Childcare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 3rd and 1st Reports of the Childcare Advisory Committee, from the meetings held on October 3, 2017 and January 16, 2018, respectively, were received.

#### 3.2 Municipal Council Resolution - Appointment to the Childcare Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from its meeting held on November 14, 2017, with respect to the appointment of J. Fredericks as a Non-Voting Representative from the Middlesex-London Health Unit to the Childcare Advisory Committee, was received.

#### 3.3 Resignation - C. Wagg

That the letter of resignation from the Childcare Advisory Committee, dated October 4, 2017, from C. Wagg, BE RECEIVED.

### 4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

## 5. Items for Discussion

### 5.1 City of London Update

That it BE NOTED that the attached Childcare Subsidy Application and Placement Statistics and Licensed Spaces and Vacancies at City of London Child Care Subsidy Sites Statistics from A. Rae, Manager, Childrens Services, were received.

### 5.2 Thames Valley District School Board Update

That it BE NOTED that the attached Media Release, submitted by H. Gerrits, Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB), with respect to Child Care Centres, EarlyON and Family Centres in TVDSB schools, was received.

### 5.3 London District Catholic School Board Update

That it BE NOTED that no update was received with respect to the London District Catholic School Board, as there was no update available at the time of the meeting.

### 5.4 Licensed Child Care Network Update

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update from B. Jackson with respect to the Licensed Child Care Network, was received.

### 5.5 Services for Special Needs Update

That it BE NOTED that no update was received with respect to services for children with special needs, as the representative was not in attendance.

### 5.6 Indigenous-led Child Care and Family Centres Update

That it BE NOTED that the attached update on Indigenous-led Child Care and Family Centres, submitted by J. Keens, was received.

### 5.7 2017 Work Plan Review

That the attached 2017 Childcare Advisory Committee Work Plan Summary BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for their information.

### 5.8 2018 Work Plan

That the revised attached 2018 Work Plan for the Childcare Advisory Committee BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for consideration.

### 5.9 Adopt a Councillor 2018

That it BE NOTED that the Childcare Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to the Adopt a Councillor project.

**6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business**

None.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

2018 Child Subsidy Application and Placement Stats													
	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Average
# paid child placements	3,135	3,125											3,130
# of applications	144	103											124
# of ineligible applications	16	8											12
% ineligible	11.1%	7.8%											9.7%
# of children on wait list...beginning of month	164	189											177
# of wait list placements	87	0											0
OW Placements into DNA due to Earnings or OSAP	5	1											3
Emergency Placements due to Professional Referrals for immediate care	3	1											2
2017 Child Subsidy Application and Placement Stats													
	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Average
# paid child placements	2,891	2,804	2,960	2,926	2,879	2,925	2,980	2,916	3,225	2,962	3,058	3,056	2,965
# of applications	102	139	144	144	146	181	135	200	161	109	112	66	137
# of ineligible applications	19	35	36	27	34	36	39	42	28	16	3	12	27
% ineligible	18.6%	25.2%	25.0%	18.8%	23.3%	19.9%	28.9%	21.0%	17.4%	14.7%	2.7%	18.2%	20.0%
# of children on wait list...beginning of month	167	180	208	205	231	207	206	206	261	218	191	161	203
# of wait list placements	0	79	59	118	84	80	137	101	125	96	157	0	104
OW Placements into DNA due to Earnings or OSAP	4	5	0	1	7	8	4	4	8	5	2	2	4
Emergency Placements due to Professional Referrals for immediate care	5	6	5	5	6	4	1	2	1	1	0	0	3
2016 Child Subsidy Application and Placement Stats													
	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Average
# paid child placements	2,639	2,724	2,841	2,839	2,774	2,817	2,795	2,726	3,058	2,776	2,900	2,833	2,810
# of applications	113	118	153	125	109	121	81	191	181	103	101	123	127
# of ineligible applications	22	24	35	30	22	38	24	45	30	24	10	27	28
% ineligible	19.5%	20.3%	22.9%	24.0%	20.2%	31.4%	29.6%	23.6%	16.6%	23.3%	9.9%	22.0%	21.8%
# of children on wait list...beginning of month	370	292	163	194	164	127	145	139	293	200	178	163	202
# of wait list placements	260	0	148	0	101	0	114	0	168	106	0	91	64
OW Placements into DNA due to Earnings or OSAP	4	4	6	N/A	7	8	4	3	10	1	2	0	4
Emergency Placements due to Professional Referrals for immediate care	3	0	0	1	3	1	1	3	1	0	1	0	1

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

\*From September onwards, changes in the children's age categories took place.

	Infant			Toddler			Presch			Kindergarten/Primary-Junior/Junior SA			Totals		
	L	V	% Use	L	V	% Use	L	V	% Use	L	V	% Use	L	V	% Use
Sep 2016	509	16	96.9%	1,190	120	89.9%	2,662	310	88.4%	6,661	946	85.8%	11,022	1,392	87.4%
Oct 2016	509	16	96.9%	1,190	120	89.9%	2,662	310	88.4%	6,764	791	88.3%	11,125	1,237	88.9%
Nov 2016	509	15	97.1%	1,190	104	91.3%	2,662	257	90.3%	6,764	916	86.5%	11,125	1,292	88.4%
Dec 2016	509	14	97.2%	1,190	77	93.5%	2,662	298	88.8%	6,764	937	86.1%	11,125	1,326	88.1%
Jan 2017	509	15	97.1%	1,190	91	92.4%	2,662	271	89.8%	6,764	959	85.8%	11,125	1,336	88.0%
Feb 2017	509	18	96.5%	1,190	82	93.1%	2,662	209	92.1%	6,764	1,096	83.8%	11,125	1,405	87.4%
Mar 2017	515	18	96.5%	1,200	91	92.4%	2,678	152	94.3%	6,764	1,100	83.7%	11,157	1,361	87.8%
Apr 2017	515	34	93.4%	1,200	103	91.4%	2,694	204	92.4%	6,764	1,084	84.0%	11,173	1,425	87.2%
May 2017	515	44	91.5%	1,210	98	91.9%	2,694	122	95.5%	6,789	1,099	83.8%	11,208	1,363	87.8%
Jun 2017	515	40	92.2%	1,210	95	92.1%	2,694	167	93.8%	6,789	1,576	76.8%	11,208	1,878	83.2%
Jul 2017	515	33	93.6%	1,210	121	90.0%	2,694	121	95.5%	6,789	1,508	77.8%	11,208	1,783	84.1%
Aug 2017	525	34	93.5%	1,240	136	89.0%	2,750	206	92.5%	6,871	1,314*	80.9%	11,386	1,690*	85.2%
Sep 2017	525	38	92.8%	1,240	145	88.3%	2,750	335	87.8%	6,983	1,107*	84.1%	11,498	1,625*	85.9%
Oct 2017	525	41	92.2%	1,240	119	90.4%	2,750	238	91.3%	6,893	1,493	78.3%	11,498	1,891	83.6%
Nov 2017	535	29	94.6%	1,270	118	90.7%	2,798	209	92.5%	7,095	1,540	78.3%	11,698	1,896	83.8%
Dec 2017	535	32	94.0%	1,270	93	92.7%	2,798	158	94.4%	7,095	1,532	78.4%	11,698	1,815	84.5%
Jan 2018	535	45	91.6%	1,270	139	89.1%	2,798	196	93.0%	7,095	1,618	77.2%	11,698	1,998	82.9%
Feb 2018	535	25	95.3%	1,270	100	92.1%	2,750	170	93.8%	7,095	1,625	77.1%	11,650	1,920	83.5%

\* The reason found for these outliers is that LSAP for both English and French does not have vacancy data in the report. I have added 700 to Aug and Sep.vacancies in order to normalize the data trend.



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **TVDSB to open more child care centres and EarlyON Child and Family Centres**

More than 300 licensed child care spaces for families are slated for construction at Thames Valley schools as part of a \$1.6-billion investment by the Ministry of Education over the next five years to increase access for 100,000 more children birth – 4 years in licensed child care spaces across Ontario.

In addition to creating access to thousands of new licensed child care spaces across the province, the Ministry of Education is also investing funding to support the creation of 100 additional EarlyON Child and Family Centre locations over the next three years.

As part of the Ministry's "schools-first" approach to building child care centres and child and family centres in schools, TVDSB has been approved for funding to build new child care centres and EarlyON Child and Family Centres at the following schools:

**River Heights Public School, Dorchester:** This \$3.75-million project includes child care spaces for 10 infants, 30 toddlers, and 48 preschoolers. The project will also include an EarlyON Child and Family Centre, where families will benefit from programs and services that promote early learning and development, provide information about other community programs/services and referrals to specialized services. Children will have access to play and inquiry-based learning opportunities. Both the child care centre and EarlyON Child and Family Centre are anticipated to open by September 2019. The operator(s)' contact information will be provided as it becomes available at [www.tvdsb.ca/childcare](http://www.tvdsb.ca/childcare)

**Aldborough Public School, Rodney:** This \$3.1-million project includes child care spaces for 10 infants, 15 toddlers, and 24 preschoolers. The project will also include an EarlyON Child and Family Centre, where families will benefit from programs and services that promote early learning and development and provide referrals to specialized services. Children will have access to play and inquiry-based learning opportunities. Both the child care centre and EarlyON Child and Family Centre are anticipated to open by September 2019. The operator(s)' contact information will be provided as it becomes available at [www.tvdsb.ca/childcare](http://www.tvdsb.ca/childcare)

**Algonquin Public School, Woodstock:** This \$1-million project includes child care spaces for 10 infants and 24 preschoolers as an addition to the existing Good Beginnings Day Nursery – Algonquin Child Care. The child care centre is anticipated to open in the 2019-20 school year.

**Harrisfield Public School, Ingersoll:** This \$1.5-million project includes child care spaces for 10 infants, 15 toddlers, and 24 preschoolers. The child care centre is anticipated to open in the 2019-20 school year. The operator(s)' contact information will be provided as it becomes available at [www.tvdsb.ca/childcare](http://www.tvdsb.ca/childcare)

**New Southeast London Public School, London:** MPP Deb Matthew's recent announcement of funding for a new southeast London school included funding to build a child care centre for 88 children. More information will be posted as it becomes available at [www.tvdsb.ca/childcare](http://www.tvdsb.ca/childcare)

In Ontario, Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSM) are the designated service system managers responsible for managing child care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres across the province. The CMSMs in the County of Oxford, St. Thomas-Elgin County, and London-Middlesex County determine the best geographical locations for families to access licensed child care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres.

Collaboratively with the CMSMs, we will continue to provide families with a seamless experience by striving to increase access to child care, before- and after-school programs, EarlyON Child and Family Centres and elementary school together in one community facility.

TVDSB wishes to acknowledge the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario for the financial support to develop these new programs and services.

**For more information:**

Up to date information is available on the TVDSB website at [www.tvdsb.ca/childcare](http://www.tvdsb.ca/childcare)

## The Journey Together

- The Province of Ontario recently announced 3.7 M for the construction and operation of an Indigenous-led Child and Family Centre in London.
- In addition, Province of Ontario announced just over \$100,000 for culturally safe spaces across London and Middlesex through the Journey Together initiative.
- The Journey Together initiative is a response to the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action.
- The Journey Together identifies developing culturally appropriate early childhood education for Indigenous families as a way to address these calls to action.
- To support this process we have been engaging with Indigenous families to understand the challenges they face.
- We heard that access to quality, Indigenous-led programming that supports families with young children is critical.
- In addition to quality early years programming, we heard that families want culturally relevant programming.
- We heard that families:
  - Want to learn their language and culture together with their children
  - Want a place where all Nations were welcomed
  - Want a place to call their own
- We are in the early days of planning and our next step is to find a location for the Child and Family Centre in London.
- We hope to have the Child and Family Centre built by the end of 2019.
- As part of the Journey Together planning we have also submitted a request for an 88 space Indigenous-led licensed child care centre that will be integrated with the Child and Family centre
- A Request for Proposals will be posted on the City website on Bids&Tenders for interested and qualified organizations to make a submission.
- A panel will review the submission using criteria developed by members of the planning Committee. The panel will include members of the Planning Committee, a caregiver from the community, potentially an elder and City of London staff.
- Following this review, those submission that meet the criteria will be invited to complete a more detailed RFP
- We will continue to plan and engage with families throughout this process.



## Child Care Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2017 Completion Summary

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Project/Initiative	Completion Summary	Lead/Responsible	Completion Date	Budget
Review of Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final draft reviewed by CCAC at their January 26, 2017 meeting and submitted to Council.</li> </ul>	Jo-elle, Shari and Carol	January 2017	\$0
Adopt a Councillor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to educate city councillors on licensed child</li> <li>Tours continue of child care centres in the remaining wards</li> <li>Binders of child care information given to remaining councillors</li> </ul>	Stephanie, Julie and Diane	Ongoing through 2018	\$0
Invitation to CCAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standing invitation for Mayor and Chair of Community and Protective Services</li> </ul>	Diane	Fall 2018	\$0
Evaluation of available child care spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCAC has requested a review with City Managers regarding the One List to review the use of One List, the stats collected and the use of the statistics collected</li> <li>Awaiting date</li> </ul>	CCAC/ CCAC Sub-Committee in conjunction with City Manager	Spring 2018	\$0
Review and give feedback to Child Care Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCAC reviewed draft policy Child Care Policy and made recommendations</li> </ul>	CCAC	June 2017	\$0

## Child Care Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2018

Project/Initiative	Background	Lead/Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Budget
Improved Communication to Coucillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure all reports and updates from members are submitted in written rather than verbal format and attached to all Reports of the Childcare Advisory Committee</li> </ul>	All members giving reports	Ongoing throughout 2018	\$0
“Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee 2019” preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee Sub-Committee to reconvene in the fall to update the child care information binders ready for “Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee 2019” and to prepare a presentation for CAPSC in 2019 regarding Licensed Child Care and the “Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee” program</li> </ul>	Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee Sub-Committee	October 2018	
Invitation to CCAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standing invitation for Mayor and Chair of Community and Protective Services</li> </ul>	Diane Gordon	Ongoing	\$0
Evaluation of available child care spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCAC to meet with City Managers to review the One List (Centralized Wait List), the statistics collected and their use</li> </ul>	CCAC/ CCAC Sub-Committee in conjunction with City Manager	Fall 2018	\$0
Be Informed on Community Initiatives and Conversations regarding Special Needs Resourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2017 we added an update on our agenda from member Lee-Anne Cross, Manager of All Kid’s Belong</li> <li>Continue to have Lee-Anne update the committee on Services for Special Needs and community initiatives and conversations taking place</li> </ul>	Lee-Anne Cross	Ongoing throughout 2018	\$0