

**4th REPORT OF THE
CHILD CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting held on September 21, 2011, commencing at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: C. Wagg (Chair), S. Carter, G. Doerr, J. Falconer, H. Gerrits, M. Hoff, A. Wittstein and J. Martin (Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: A. Dyson, I. Gibb and A. Rae.

REGRETS: N. Cole and D. Gordon.

I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

Child Care Fee Subsidy 1. (Add) That the Mayor **BE ASKED** to send a letter to the Minister of Education requesting additional provincial funding for childcare fee subsidy, noting that the London waitlist is projected to be over 600 by November 2011.

II YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Revised Proposed Governance Schedule/ Advisory Committee Review 2. (2) That the Child Care Advisory Committee (CCAC) reviewed and received a communication dated June 10, 2011 from C. Saunders, City Clerk, with respect to the proposed revised governance schedule and received a verbal report from J. Martin, Committee Secretary, with respect to this matter. The CCAC asked the Committee Secretary to:

(a) submit the revised Terms of Reference, completed in January 2011, to the City Clerk for the Advisory Committee Review; and,

(b) request that the City Clerk provide the reporting structure to CCAC.

Implementation of Full Day Kindergarten and Extended Day Programs 3. That the Child Care Advisory Committee (CCAC) reviewed and received the attached presentation and heard a verbal update from H. Gerrits, Supervisor, Full Day Kindergarten, Thames Valley District School Board with respect to the implementation of full day kindergarten and extended day programs.

Child Care Policy Review and Recommendations 4. (6) That the Child Care Advisory Committee (CCAC) reviewed and received the attached report from A. Rae, Manager, Children's Services, with respect to the child care policy review and recommendations; it being noted that the CCAC supports the recommendation being put forward to Community and Neighbourhoods Committee at the November 1st, 2011 meeting, to change the priority practice to better accommodate the waitlist.

Provincial Election 5. (Add) That the Child Care Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a general discussion with respect to the impact of the upcoming provincial election, noting that this item will be further discussed at the Partners Meeting September 26, 2011.

Future Agenda Items 6. (Add) That the Child Care Advisory Committee asked its Committee Secretary to place the following delegations on its November Agenda:

(a) T. Sulowski and representatives from the London District Catholic School Board with respect to full-day early learning implementation;

(b) S. Fieber, Chair, Human Services, Fanshawe College with respect to fast tracking the Early Childhood Educators Program to address potential shortages for 2012 and beyond; and,

(c) K. Bushell, Executive Officer Facilities, Thames Valley District School Board, with respect to child care planning in schools.

7. That the Child Care Advisory Committee (CCAC) received and noted the following:

3rd Report of the
CCAC

(a) (1) the 3rd Report of the Child Care Advisory Committee from its meeting held on May 18, 2011;

Licensed Child
Care and
Neighbourhood
Based Service
Hubs

(b) (3) an information report, dated June 14, 2011, from L. Livingstone, Director of Neighbourhood and Children's Services, with respect to barriers and challenges in accessing child care in London;

Licensed Home
Child Care
Occupancy Report
– September 2011

(c) (4) the Licensed Home Child Care Occupancy Report for the month of September 2011, noting that only one community home child care agency has submitted the information for this month; and,

Child Care Fee
Subsidy Statistics

(d) (5) the attached Child Care Fee Subsidy Statistics for the months of April, May, June and July.

Next Meeting

8. That the Child Care Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on November 16, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.