

Childcare Advisory Committee

Report

2nd Meeting of the Childcare Advisory Committee
April 15, 2019
Committee Room #4

Attendance PRESENT: D. Gordon(Chair), T. Blaney, S. Carter, B. Jackson,
J. Keens; and P. Shack(Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: L. Cross, J. Frederick, M.Ludlow, A. Rae and
B. Westlake-Power

ABSENT: S. McKee and J. Rinker

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 Advisory Committees

That it BE NOTED that the following Municipal Council resolutions were received:

a) the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on November 20, 2018 with respect to the recruitment and appointment of Advisory Committee members for the up coming term; and,

b) the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on March 26, 2019 with respect to the 2019 appointments to the City of London Advisory Committees (ACS);

it being further noted the Childcare Advisory Committee heard a verbal update from B. Westlake-Power, Deputy City Clerk, with respect to the Advisory Committees.

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 its meetings held on November 6, 2018 and March 19, 2019, respectively, were received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 Childcare Advisory Committee Work Plan - 2019

That the attached 2019 Childcare Advisory Committee Work Plan BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council for consideration.

4.2 Adopt a Councillor 2019

That it BE NOTED that the Childcare Advisory Committee heard a verbal update from J. Frederick with respect to the Adopt a Councillor 2019 program.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 City of London Update - A. Rae

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

5.2 Thames Valley District School Board Update - H. Gerrits

That it BE NOTED that no report was received with respect to an update from the Thames Valley District School Board as the representative was not in attendance.

5.3 London District Catholic School Board Update - A. Benton

That it BE NOTED that the attached report submitted by A. Benton, London District Catholic School Board(LDCS) with respect to the LDCS updates, was received.

5.4 Licensed Child Care Network Update - B. Jackson

That it BE NOTED that the attached report submitted by B. Jackson, Licensed Child Care Network (LCCN), with respect to the LCCN updates, was received.

5.5 Services for Special Need Update - L. Cross

That it BE NOTED that the attached report submitted by L. Cross, with respect to services for children with special needs, was received.

5.6 Indigenous-led Child Care and Family Centres Update - J. Keens

That it BE NOTED that the attached report submitted by J. Keens, with respect to Indigenous-led Child Care and Family Centres, was received.

5.7 Childcare Advisory Committee Work Plan - 2018 Review

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

6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

None.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Child Care Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2019

Project/Initiative	Background	Lead/Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Budget
"Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee 2019" preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee Sub-Committee to reconvene in 2019 to update the child care information binders ready for "Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee 2019-20" and to recruit child care programs as adopters. 	Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee Sub-Committee	2019-20	\$200 to cover binders and printing
Invitation to attend CCAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing invitation for Mayor and Chair of Community and Protective Services 	Diane Gordon	Ongoing	\$0
Review of the One List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCAC to meet with City Managers upon request to review the One List (Centralized Wait List), the statistics collected and their use 	CCAC/ CCAC Sub-Committee in conjunction with City Manager	TBD	\$0
Evaluation of Child Care Vacancy Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the process of collection of vacancy data for accuracy of stats collected • Clarification regarding operational versus licensed capacity 	CCAC in conjunction with City Manager	Fall 2019	\$0
Membership Review within a Terms of Reference Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of voting/ non-voting members • A review of membership • Recruitment • Review and Feedback to General Terms of Reference 	CCAC/CCAC Sub-Committee	Fall 2019	\$0

2019 Child Subsidy Application and Placement Stats

LONDON	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Average
# paid child placements	3,017	3,006	3,124										3,049
# of applications	147	115	87										116
# of ineligible applications	11	4	7										7
% ineligible	7.5%	3.5%	8.0%										6.3%
# of children on wait list...beginning of month	795	731	690										739
# of wait list placements	135	31	28										30
OW Placements into DNA due to Earnings or OSAP	10	3	8										7
Emergency Placements due to Professional Referrals for immediate care*	1	0	0										0

2018 Child Subsidy Application and Placement Stats

LONDON	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	3,232	3,228	3,141	3,193	3,137	3,049	3,045	3,032	3,026	2,949	3,108
# of applications*	143	100	112	127	137	120	148	183	237	140	141	101	141
# of ineligible applications	21	22	22	28	33	35	36	41	38	24	12	17	27
% ineligible	14.7%	22.0%	19.6%	22.0%	24.1%	29.2%	24.3%	22.4%	16.0%	17.1%	8.5%	16.8%	19.5%
# of children on wait list...beginning of month	164	189	180	206	226	185	198	205	261	414	543	669	287
# of wait list placements	87	128	93	137	136	126	252	183	0	0	0	0	106
OW Placements into DNA due to Earnings or OSAP	5	1	0	0	4	3	13	3	0	10	3	1	4
Emergency Placements due to Professional Referrals for immediate care*	3	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	10	3	0	3	2

2017 Child Subsidy Application and Placement Stats

LONDON	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

LONDON	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

* Reinstated

London District Catholic School Board Report
London Child Care Advisory Committee

Provided By: Amanda Benton, RECE – Early Year Support Specialist

Projected Enrollment

We are projecting an increase in kindergarten enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. Specifications regarding new classrooms, etc. will be available by April.

Kindergarten Orientation

We have revised the Kindergarten orientation process by eliminating TVNELP. Schools will be engaged in planning and facilitating their own unique kindergarten orientation event and are encouraged to invite their community partners to attend.

Capital Projects

The addition of the East London Family Centre to Blessed Sacrament Elementary School continues to be on hold as we wait to hear from the Provincial government.

School Board Early Years Leadership Strategy

We are continuing to work alongside the TVDSB and area CMSMs to engage in the strategy and work towards our proposed outcomes.

- Any additional projects or initiatives have been put on hold as we await the Ministry of Education announcement on March 15.



LCCN Report – Child Care Advisory Committee

March 19, 2019

Licensed Child Care Network (LCCN) continues to meet the last Tuesday of each month, excluding July, August and December. Our network continues to grow and has become a place of support for many licensed child care operators, early years' professionals and child care advocates.

LCCN has been working with adHOME to create a marketing campaign to support the attraction and retention of RECEs in London & Middlesex. There is a huge shortage of RECEs in our region as well as provincially. LCCN would like to create an emotional video that speaks to the importance of the profession, in hopes that we can attract students in high school, college, and university or second career professionals into the field of early childhood education. The video will also display the benefits of working as an RECE as a way to retain professionals already working in the field. The video will be located on a website landing page, along with testimonials from early childhood professionals, currently employed in the early years' sector. Posters with the theme "Unsung Heroes" will be used to drive the audience to the landing page for more information. These posters will be displayed throughout our region, including on bus shelters. There is a goal to share the attraction and retention video at Cineplex theatres.

LCCN recently submitted recommendations to the provincial government around the proposed amendments to the Child Care and Early Years Act (CCEYA) under Bill 66, Schedule 3. LCCN collaborated to ensure our full range of expertise was accessed to share an informed response to the proposed amendments. It is our hope that our recommendations will be considered to maintain the current level of exceptional education and care our community is providing for children and families.

Members of the LCCN gathered signatures for a petition presented by the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care and the Association for Early Childhood Education in Ontario (AECEO), to support the continuation of the Wage Enhancement Grant (WEG) for educators working in licensed child care who are making less than RECEs in the school boards. This petition has been presented to the province. During this process two of our licensed operators had the opportunity to tour local MPPs within their organizations. Peggy Sattler and Terence Kernaghan visited two different centres and spent some time learning about the important work being done in licensed child care facilities.

LCCN will continue to work with adHOME in developing an impactful attraction and retention marketing campaign to address the shortage of qualified educators working in the early years' profession in London & Middlesex. LCCN will continue to share its early learning expertise with all levels of government, in a variety of formats, to promote and advocate for early childhood education.



all kids belong

Inclusion Support Services

**All Kids Belong
Updates for Child Care Advisory Committee
March 2019**

All Kids Belong (AKB,) with endorsement of its Advisory Committee, has submitted its 2018 Service Plan Report and 2019 Service Plan.

The 2018 report reflects our achievement of service targets, and the progress we made in alignment with our 2016-2020 Strategic Plan. In 2018 AKB provided Resource Consultant support to over 600 children, provided funding for over 70,000 hours of in-classroom support, and offered 52 professional learning opportunities. We made significant improvements to our professional learning materials, and continued to build community partnerships and collaborations.

AKB's 2019 plan includes service targets based on 2018 results, and outlines all of the actions steps that will continue our progress in the key areas outlined in the Strategic Plan. AKB has a strong focus on program evaluation in 2019, which will include outcomes-based surveys for the three main components of the AKB program (resource consultation, in-classroom supports, and knowledge exchange.) The first of these surveys is underway at the time of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee-Anne Cross
Program Manager, All Kids Belong



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Journey Together Report

March 19, 2019

Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre (SOAHAC) is the lead agency for the Indigenous Child Care and Family Centre.

The centre will be located on Hill St where the former St John Catholic French Immersion Elementary School stood. Demolition of the school will take place later this spring.

The Journey Together group is preparing 150 resource 'gifts' to assist the child care community in gaining knowledge and understanding of the history of local Indigenous people. The gifts will include music CD's and books from local musicians and authors. They will include a dream catcher, maps, and access to free resources to research Indigenous nations across Canada.

Strive will promote a professional learning opportunity later this year and will introduce the resource gifts. Each participant will be given a resource gift to use at their centre.

The floor plan for the propose Indigenous Child Care and Family Centre will be viewed and discussed at the March 18, 2019 Journey Together meeting.

Child Care Advisory Committee Work Plan – 2018 Completion Summary

Project/Initiative	Completion Summary	Lead/Responsible	Completion Date	Budget
Improved Communication to Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are now ensuring that all reports and updates from members are submitted in written rather than verbal format and attached to all Reports of the Childcare Advisory Committee 	All members providing reports to the secretary	Implemented at November 6, 2018 meeting and ongoing	\$0
“Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee 2019” preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee Sub-Committee to reconvene in 2019 due to the election held in the fall of 2018. 	Adopt a Councillor/ Trustee Sub-Committee	2019-2020	\$0
Invitation to CCAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing invitation for Mayor and Chair of Community and Protective Services 	Diane Gordon	Ongoing	\$0
Evaluation of available child care spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Gordon, Chair and Julie Keens, Vice-Chair, met with City managers to discuss the One List. Further meetings for the full group to review the One List (Centralized Wait List), the statistics collected and their use are to be determined 	CCAC/ CCAC Sub-Committee in conjunction with City Manager	TBD	\$0
Be Informed on Community Initiatives and Conversations regarding Special Needs Resourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lee-Anne Cross continues to update the committee on Services for Special Need, community initiatives and conversations taking place 	Lee-Anne Cross	Completed and Ongoing	\$0