

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 26, 2020
FROM:	CHERYL SMITH MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN AND FIRE SERVICES
SUBJECT:	CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN (CAPC) FUNDING IN LONDON: 2020-2024

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services, this report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

- Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) Funding in London: 2017-2020 (April 25, 2017)
- Continuation of Federal Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) Funding in London 2009/2010 (March 2, 2009)
- Continuation of Federal Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) Funding in London 2008/2009 (April 7, 2008)
- Continuation of Federal Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) Funding in London Update (August 21, 2006)
- Continuation of Federal Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) Funding in London (July 17, 2006)

STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES 2019-2023

The agreement between the City of London and Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and associated sub-agreements are aligned to the Strategic Plan under the *Strengthening our Community* Strategic Area of Focus and support the following outcome: *Londoners have access to the supports they need to be successful.*

BACKGROUND

On May 2, 2017, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Neighbourhood Children and Fire Services, Municipal Council provided approval for the City of London to: enter into an agreement with PHAC to receive funding for the Community Action Program for Children for 2017 to 2020; and enter into sub-agreements with South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre (SLNRC) and Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre (Merrymount) to continue implementing CAPC in London.

The purpose of this report is to:

- Provide an overview of the CAPC program funded through PHAC;
- Inform Council of the City's role in the CAPC program; and,
- Update Council on steps taken to date to renew CAPC funding in London until 2024.

Overview of the Community Action Program for Children (CAPC)

The Community Action Program for Children is a PHAC program intended to respond to the health issues affecting children aged 0 to 6 and their families facing conditions of

risk. Since 1993, CAPC has been supporting children and their families facing challenging life circumstances.

The objectives of the CAPC program include:

- Improving healthy development of children 0 to 6 years of age living in conditions of risk;
- Strengthening parental and family capacity, skills, and social supports; and,
- Strengthening public health capacity at the community level to meet the needs of children and their families facing conditions of risk.

Since 2006, SLNRC and Merrymount have served as service delivery organizations for CAPC in London. PHAC periodically issues calls for requests to renew funding for existing CAPC organizations, who then use the funds to develop and implement local actions plans for the renewal period.

The City's Role in the CAPC Program

In 2006, PHAC extended an invitation to the City of London to act as the local “sponsor” of the CAPC program in London; at the time, stakeholders felt the City of London could support the goals of CAPC through the sponsorship role. The City of London accepted the invitation to become sponsor and continues to serve in this role. As historically funded organizations, SLNRC and Merrymount continue to develop and implement local CAPC action plans.

The City of London provides the following functions in its sponsorship role for CAPC:

- Responds to PHAC calls for renewal of CAPC funding on behalf of SLNRC and Merrymount
- Supports the development of annual local action plans for implementation by SLNRC and Merrymount
- Allocates funding received from PHAC to SLNRC and Merrymount on an annual basis
- Coordinates the development and submission of annual reporting requirements
- Acts as a liaison between PHAC and SLNRC and Merrymount

For each funding renewal period, the City of London has entered into an agreement with PHAC to receive CAPC funding. In turn, the City of London has established sub-agreements with SLNRC and Merrymount to allocate funding for the development and delivery of local action plans. Note that PHAC's calls for renewal of CAPC funding are not competitive processes. Since taking on the role of sponsor in 2006, the City of London has been successful in responding to calls for renewal of CAPC funding from PHAC.

Steps Taken to Date to Renew the Funding Agreement

In June 2019, the City of London, in consultation with Merrymount and SLNRC, responded to PHAC's call for request to amend the existing 2017 – 2020 agreement and renew CAPC funding for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2024. In March 2020, the City of London was notified its application was successful.

In March 2020, the City of London, in its role as sponsor, signed an amendment to the 2017 - 2020 agreement with PHAC to renew CAPC funding for the 2020 – 2024 period. The City of London will subsequently update its funding agreements with SLNRC and Merrymount through the Neighbourhood, Children and Fire Services (NCFS) Master Funding Agreement, approved by Council in November 2019.

The NCFS Master Funding agreement will be used to allocate CAPC funding to SLNRC and Merrymount, it being noted that both organizations were transitioned to the NCFS Master Funding Agreement to make sure funds could be distributed efficiently as they became available.

The total CAPC allocation from PHAC for 2020 – 2024 is \$1,004,000. During this period, the City of London will distribute up to \$251,000 annually in funding to SLNRC and Merrymount for the continued delivery of CAPC programs as follows:

- South London Neighbourhood Resource Centre – up to \$186,500/year
- Merrymount Family Support and Crisis Centre – up to \$64,500/year

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact as the City of London will not incur any direct costs as a result of its sponsorship of CAPC in London. The City of London acts as a conduit of funding from PHAC to the two participating organizations, SLNRC and Merrymount. Civic Administration will support CAPC by providing the resources to oversee the relationship between the City of London, PHAC, SLNRC and Merrymount, and to fulfil the necessary reporting requirements.

CONCLUSION

The CAPC programs funded by PHAC and delivered by SLNRC and Merrymount provide impactful, long-lasting supports to vulnerable families with young children. These programs build participants’ confidence and capacity as parents and caregivers to nurture our youngest Londoners. Civic Administration is pleased to continue to serve in the role of sponsor for CAPC in London.

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