

Report SSR-SS-02-14

To: Chair Burley and Members of the Social Services Committee
From: Kathy MacMurdo, Children's Services Manager
Meeting Date: February 12, 2014
Subject: **Approval to Endorse 2014 Financial Service Agreement with Ministry of Education**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution SSC16-14 February 12, 2014; Endorsed by County Council March 4, 2014 per Resolution CC38-14;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS the 2014 Child Care Service Agreement has been received from the Ministry of Education;

AND WHEREAS the 2014 Child Care Service Agreement includes the 2014 confirmed budget and three contractual service targets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-02-14 be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the 2014 Child Care Service Agreement and proceed in order to meet the Ministry of Education requirements;

AND THAT the appropriate by-law be prepared for Council's consideration.

Background

Grey County Social Services received the 2014 financial contract agreement from the Ministry of Education for the Children's Services Program. This agreement has three contractual service targets that must be met for the coming year. Included in the agreement is the confirmed operational budget for 2014.

Reporting requirements are included in the agreement and staff will work closely with Ministry of Education representatives to ensure that deliverables are met.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

The agreement has a slight overall budget increase of \$195,428.00 from the 2013 year. The 2014 contractual budget is \$ 5,226,551.00 for 2014 in comparison to 2013 which was \$5,031,123.00. This budget also includes the transfer of the Ontario Early Years program funding along with the required planning dollars to the Ministry of Education.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Grey County Social Services continues to support community child care agencies, adhering to the most cost effective means of delivering necessary range of social services.

Attachments

[Ministry of Education 2014 Service Agreement](#)

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy MacMurdo
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Director Sign Off: *Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services*