

Report FR-SS-20-14

To: Chair Burley and Members of the Social Services Committee
From: Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services
Meeting Date: June 11, 2014
Subject: **To provide the 2015 – 2019 Five Year Capital Forecast for Social Services**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution SSC43-14; Endorsed by County Council July 8, 2014 per Resolution CC95-14;

Recommendation(s)

THAT Report FR-SS-20-14 regarding the 2015 – 2019 Five Year Capital Forecast for Social Services be received;

AND THAT the capital forecast for Social Services as presented be forwarded to the Director of Finance for inclusion in the corporate capital forecast 2015 – 2019.

Background

Attached to this report is the Summary of the Five Year Capital Forecast for the Social Services department, as well as detailed information on each of the specific projects being proposed for the years 2015 to 2019.

Computer replacements are funded from the Social Services Computer Replacement Reserve. All desktop computers in the department are on a four year replacement cycle and laptops are on a three year cycle. In this capital forecast, desktops are scheduled for replacement in 2015 and 2019. Laptops are to be replaced in 2017. Monitors are replaced every six years with a scheduled replacement occurring in 2019. Also included in the capital budget each year is \$7,500 to replace miscellaneous computer components and local printers if needed.

The annual contribution to reserve to fund future accessibility requirements at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Hanover is included in the 2015 – 2019 Five Year Capital

Forecast. This building has two floors, with the second floor currently inaccessible to clients with disabilities. If the building is renovated, modifications will need to be done to ensure compliance with the proposed Built Environment Standard. These modifications would include an elevator as well as other alterations such as automatic door openers, door widening, washroom improvements and ramps. The goal of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act is to have an accessible Ontario by 2025. This annual contribution to reserve is funded from taxation. Federal and or Provincial grants may be available in the future for this project as well.

The remaining items in the Social Services 2015 -2019 Five Year Capital Forecast are equipment replacement and building repairs at the Ontario Early Years Centre. This building was constructed in 1976 and is now 38 years old. The 2011 Building Condition Assessment Study indicated that a number of significant equipment replacements and building repairs will be necessary over the next seventeen years. Without an accumulation of funds in a reserve specifically to pay for these upcoming capital needs, the annual budget would experience significant increases in the years when major projects are needed. A contribution of \$20,300 to reserve was approved in the 2013 and 2014 annual budgets. The actual cost for the 2014 boiler and heating system replacement was lower than anticipated; therefore a reduced contribution in the amount of \$18,600 is included in each year of the 2015 – 2019 Five Year Capital Forecast. This contribution is funded from taxation.

Capital projects that are planned for 2015 and 2016 at the Ontario Early Years Centre and are to be funded from the Ontario Early Years Capital Reserve are as follows.

- Asphalt Parking Lot and Catch Basin \$8,100 – to be completed in 2015
- Sidewalk \$7,050 – to be completed in 2015
- Asphalt Play Pad \$1,100 – to be completed in 2015
- Two Roof Top Air Conditioning Units \$19,900 – to be completed in 2016
- Wood Retaining Walls \$9,950 – to be completed in 2016
- Replacement of 6 Exterior Doors \$5,520 – to be completed in 2016

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

Based on the proposed Five Year Capital Forecast as presented, the annual levy requirement for 2015 is \$43,600. This is a decrease of \$1,700 from the approved 2014 Capital Budget levy requirement.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

The regular maintenance of buildings and replacement of equipment demonstrates a commitment to Action 1.6: lifecycle planning for long-term investment in county-owned capital assets.

Attachments

[Attachment to FR-SS-20-14 Social Services Draft 2015-2019 Five Year Capital Forecast.](#)

Respectfully submitted by,

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