

Report FR-SS-07-16

To: Chair and Members of the Social Services Committee
From: Sandra Manser, Accounting Supervisor
Meeting Date: December 9, 2015
Subject: **Social Services Financial Report and Treatment of Year End Surplus/(Deficit) Position**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution SSC11-16; Endorsed by County Council January 5, 2016 per Resolution CC13-16;

Recommendation(s)

THAT Report FR-SS-07-16 regarding the Social Services Financial Report and Treatment of Year End Surplus/(Deficit) be received;

AND THAT the Ontario Early Years Centre catch basin replacement and parking lot paving project that was included in the Child Care 2015 capital budget be carried forward to 2016 with the estimated project cost of \$27,270 being funded from the Ontario Early Years Centre Capital Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT any Social Services 2015 year end surplus be transferred to the One-Time Funding Reserve to contribute towards funding the projected 2015 deficits of the Long Term Care and Housing operations.

Background

Report FR-SS-41-15 provided a financial update and a year end projection to the Social Services Committee on November 12, 2015. The year end projection has not changed significantly from the position detailed in the report and is summarized below:

Summary of 2015 Projected Social Services Year End Surplus/(Deficit)

Department	2015 Year End Projected Surplus/(Deficit)
Social Assistance	\$30,800
Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative	\$0

Department	2015 Year End Projected Surplus/(Deficit)
Ontario Works Administration	\$0
Ontario Works	\$57,900
Child Care	\$0
County Social Initiatives	\$0
Total	\$88,700

Staff recommends that any surplus in the Social Services budgets be transferred to the One-Time Funding Reserve as a contribution towards funding the projected deficits in the Grey Gables, Lee Manor, Rockwood Terrace and Housing budgets for those operations under the direction of the Social Services Committee.

Capital Project to Carry Forward to 2016

The 2015 Child Care capital budget contained catch basin replacement and parking lot paving at the Ontario Early Years Centre at an estimated cost of \$20,800. An RFQ was issued and low quote received for the initial project was approximately \$4,560 over budget. This project has been delayed after it was determined that roots from a tree on the property line have undermined a sidewalk currently located between the tree and the parking lot. The initial plan included the removal of the sidewalk in order to expand the parking area to accommodate an accessible parking area. To eliminate the possibility of future damage to the parking lot from the tree roots, a decision has been made to remove the tree.

With the additional \$1,908 cost of the tree removal, the total cost of the project is now estimated at \$27,270. It's now too late in the year to complete the parking lot and the contractor has stated that they will perform the work in 2016 for this quoted cost. The project will be funded from the Ontario Early Years Centre Capital Reserve.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

A review of the actual to budget as of the end of September projected that the Social Services budget will have a surplus of approximately \$88,700 at year end. Staff recommends that any year end surplus from the Social Services budget be transferred to the One-Time Funding Reserve to contribute towards funding the projected deficits in the Long Term Care and Housing budgets.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

The analysis of current financial statements compared to the approved budget is a key mechanism to ensure that Council's goals of ensuring financial sustainability and ongoing public accountability are maintained.

Attachments

Attachment to FR-SS-07-16 Social Services Financial Report and Treatment of Year End Surplus Deficit

Respectfully submitted by,

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Director Sign Off: *Barb Fedy, Social Services Director*