

Report SSR-SS-03-15

To: Chair Burley and Members of the Social Services Committee
From: Kathryn MacMurdo Children's Services Manager
Meeting Date: January 14, 2015
Subject: **Purchase of Service Agreement for Child Care Fee Subsidy with Viola Jean's Garden Daycare**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution SSC21-15; Endorsed by County Council February 3, 2015 per Resolution CC33-15;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS Grey County is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager for Child Care Services administrating a range of provincial child care programs on behalf of the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Purchase of Service agreements are entered into with child care operators with funding from the County of Grey fee subsidy funding envelope;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-03-15 be received;

AND THAT upon endorsement of this report by County Council a new Purchase of Service agreement with Viola Jean's Garden Daycare be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT The Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the Purchase of Service Agreement.

Background

As the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager for Child Care Services, the County of Grey administers a range of provincial programs on behalf of the Province of Ontario. We presently have Purchase of Service agreements with Child Care Operators within Grey County and the surrounding municipalities of Bruce and Simcoe Counties.

These agreements provide fee subsidies, plus a choice to parents based upon their work location and the type of care required for their child. Grey County Social Services has received a written request to enter into a Purchase of Service Agreement with a

new child care centre known as Viola Jean's Garden Daycare, located at 2555 8th Ave. West Owen Sound. This centre is a non-profit facility and was licensed as of September 1, 2014 for 10 Toddlers and 16 Preschoolers. Their per diem rate for care is \$36.00 per day.

Due to the recent closure of the Salvation Army Daycare, (March 31, 2014) a new child care facility located on the West side of Owen Sound would provide families with another choice for child care arrangements.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

Due to this centres' small license capacity of 26 spaces, staff propose that five (5) spaces be purchased. The estimated costing for these spaces, based upon a start date of March 1, 2015 would be \$31,000.00.

This calculation is determined as follows:

- \$36.00 per diem – \$5.00 minimum fee parent fee paid directly to centre = \$31.00 per day x 5 days x 4 weeks = \$620.00 per month x 5 = \$3100.00 per month x 10 months. Total estimated fee subsidy funding required is \$31,000.00.

If provincial funding is insufficient to fund this Purchase of Service agreement; staff recommends that funding be transferred from the Child Care Mitigation Funding Reserve.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

It is a strategic objective of the County to pursue strategies and offer services that strengthen communities, put people first, and improve quality of life opportunities. Ensuring a stable child care program is a significant part of that objective.

Attachments

[Viola Jeans Garden Daycare Purchase of Service 2015](#)

Respectfully submitted by,

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Director Sign Off: *Barbara Fedy, Director*

