

**REPORT NO. 80 of the
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
HEALTH & CULTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**
of its meeting held May 9, 2012

Present: Councillor Ed Sleiman, Vice Chair
Councillor Alan Halberstadt
Councillor Ron Jones

Regrets: Councillor Percy Hatfield

That the following recommendation of the Social Development, Health and Culture Standing Committee **BE APPROVED** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Halberstadt, seconded by Councillor Jones,
THAT City Council **AUTHORIZE** the Community Development & Health Commissioner to sign the Ontario Early Years Centre space agreement with the Greater Essex County District School Board. The Ontario Early Years Centres are provincially funded 100% by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. Authorization would be subject to approval as to technical content by the Executive Director of Housing & Children's Services, approval as to legal content by the City Solicitor, and approval as to financial content by the City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer.

Carried.

Clerk's Note: The report by the Commissioner of Community Development and Health dated March 23, 2012 entitled "Ontario Early Years Centres Occupancy Agreement" is attached as background information.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Community Development and Health Services - Housing Children's Services



MISSION STATEMENT:

"The City of Windsor, with the involvement of its citizens, will deliver effective and responsive municipal services, and will mobilize innovative community partnerships"

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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Subject: Ontario Early Years Centres Occupancy Agreement

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: Ward(s): _____

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

Ontario Early Years Centres (OEYC) are free programs that are open to all parents, grandparents and caregivers with young children up to the age of six years. Ontario Early Years Centres programs are facilitated by a Registered Early Childhood Educator and the adults stay and participate with their children. In 2002, the Province of Ontario confirmed the City of Windsor as the Lead Agency to plan for and manage the 100% provincial funding associated with the Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) program.

When these programs were first established our community was committed to developing a delivery model that minimized operating costs associated with space (rental, utilities etc.) and would promote that the majority of operating costs would be dedicated to direct program

delivery for families. To this end, the City of Windsor initiated partnerships with our local school boards which provide surplus classroom space within elementary schools to house Ontario Early Years Centres. Our local school boards embraced this partnership because Ontario Early Years Centres help prepare children for school and encourage families to be a part of their children's learning which the school boards promote with their families. We currently have OEYCs located in six (6) Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB) elementary schools and seven (7) Windsor-Essex County Catholic District School Board elementary schools.

We have not had formal agreements relative to the space we occupy with either school board however; the GECDSB has recently requested that a formal agreement be established.

3. DISCUSSION:

Over the past ten years we have had a partnership with the Greater Essex County District School Board relative to delivering Ontario Early Years Centre programming in select schools. The locations have expanded and changed from time to time based on the needs of families and availability of surplus space within schools. The Greater Essex County District School Board is committed to continuing our partnership; however they wish to formalize our arrangement with an agreement signed by both parties.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

This agreement benefits the City of Windsor in that costs associated with the use of space within Greater Essex County District School Board elementary schools is defined and controlled.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Ontario Early Years Centres (OEYC) is funded 100% by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The City of Windsor, as the service delivery agent, shall pay the Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB) an annual fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) plus HST and . In addition, the City of Windsor shall pay custodial and air conditional cost for any hours outside of normal school hours such as March Break, Christmas Break, P.A. days and during those times when custodial staff are on summer vacation. These costs are budgeted for and can be accommodated within our provincial funding allocation. We do not incur any occupancy costs on instructional days.

6. CONSULTATIONS:

N/A

7. CONCLUSION:

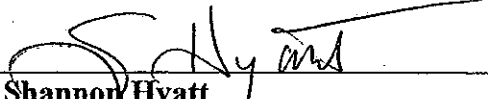
The Greater Essex County District School Board necessitates that the City of Windsor enter into an agreement in relation to the provision of space in schools for Ontario Early Years Centres.



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