



# Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Brockton Child Care Centre Expansion  
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**Department:** Child Care  
**Date:** March 7, 2018  
**Report Number:** BCCC2018-01 **File Number:** C11 Child Care  
**Attachments:** [BGCD SB Press Release – February 16, 2018](#)

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton receives Report Number BCCC2018-01 Brockton Child Care Centre Expansion for information purposes.

### **Report:**

#### **Background:**

The Brockton Child Care Centre was built in 2014 in partnership between the Ministry of Education, the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board (BGCD SB), Municipality of Brockton and the County of Bruce. Building this new centre addressed the fact that the former site of the Walkerton Day Care Centre could not accommodate the number of families requiring child care. The new Centre did help to alleviate the children on the waiting list somewhat. Since 2014, with the Centre's good reputation and the lack of private child care in this area, the Centre's waiting list has continued to grow.

In June, 2017, the Ministry of Education announced funding for school boards to build new licensed child care spaces in Ontario. In communications with former CAO/Clerk Debra Roth and Mayor Inglis we discussed the need for an expansion to the Centre and confirmed the Municipality of Brockton would be on board. After confirming all construction costs would be completely funded by the Ministry of Education, I contacted the BGCD SB to discuss expansion. I met with the Principal from St. Teresa of Calcutta School, along with representatives from the BGCD SB and Bruce County Social Services in July 2017 to prepare an application for the Ministry grant.

#### **Analysis:**

We recently received notice the application has been approved. The Press Release issued by BGCD SB is attached for information. This is great news for the community of Brockton. Child care is important for the growth of any community to ensure children and families have access to a range of high-quality, inclusive and affordable child care programs and services that contribute to children's learning, development and well-being. The expansion is for two rooms (Toddler Room 15 children

and Preschool Room 24 children) which will mean 39 additional spaces once the construction is completed in 2019.

There will also be the requirement for additional staff at the Centre.

I will be working with the BGCDSB on the expansion and will involve the CAO/Clerk and other staff members as required for the expansion project.

We have nothing further to report at this time and will update Council on the progress of the expansion project and related matters throughout 2018.

### **Sustainability Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy?       | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity?     | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity?           | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity?                 | Yes |

### **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

The Ministry of Education will be funding the construction of the two rooms. The Brockton Child Care Centre will be responsible for the costs of the furnishings and equipment needed for these rooms. At this time the Centre has money in reserves to purchase the required items.

### **Reviewed By:**



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### **Respectfully Submitted by:**



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### **Reviewed By:**



CAO/Clerk