

Report to Council

Report Title:	Brockton Child Care Centre Expansion Approval		
Prepared By:	Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer		
Department:	Child Care		
Date:	September 24, 2019		
Report Number:	BCCC2019-03	File Number:	C11CH
Attachments:	News Release from MPP Lisa Thompson – Additional Child Care Spaces coming to Walkerton		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number BCCC2019-03 – Brockton Child Care Centre Expansion Approval, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

On July 9, 2019, staff brought forward Report Number BCCC2019-02 – Brockton Child Care Centre Expansion Update, informing Council that the approval to proceed for the expansion had not yet been granted, and that it was unlikely that construction would begin in 2019.

Staff are pleased to announce that on September 19, 2019, MPP Lisa Thompson announced that the provincial government has given approval to tender a \$1 million addition to the Brockton Child Care Centre, located at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic School in Walkerton.

Analysis:

The project will add two new child care rooms with 39 new child care spaces to the school. The announcement is part of the province's ongoing capital investment program.

The Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board will now plan on issuing the construction tender this fall with construction planned for the Spring of 2020 based on tender results. It is expected that the child care spaces will be available for September 2020.

We acknowledge and commend the efforts of The Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board and the County of Bruce in this partnership. We are thrilled this project can now move forward and benefit young families in Brockton, and further develop our growing community.

Staffing needs for 2020 will be assessed and further updates will be provided to Council.

Sustainability Checklist:

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

- 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

At this time we understand a municipal contribution will not be required for the capital expansion as long as the tender for construction is under \$1 million dollars.

Reviewed By:



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Respectfully Submitted by:



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HURON-BRUCE



LISA THOMPSON, MPP
NEWS RELEASE



Additional Child Care Spaces coming to Walkerton

Province Approves two new rooms, 39 spaces at St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School

NEWS

September 19, 2019

Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson has announced that the provincial government has given approval to tender a \$1 million addition to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School in Walkerton.

The project will add two new child care rooms with 39 new child care spaces to the school. Thompson said the announcement is part of the province's ongoing capital investment program. Last month the MPP announced the government had given approval to tender up to \$567,000 for an additional child care room in Exeter Elementary School to accommodate 15 new child care spaces there.

"In my travels across the riding I hear from families about the wait lists for child care services," Thompson said. "I am very pleased our government continues to demonstrate our commitment to families in Huron-Bruce and across Ontario so these projects can move ahead. I know the demand is there and I've seen first hand the benefits of offering child care on location at an elementary school in other communities across Ontario. I am confident that families in the Exeter and now Walkerton areas will be well served through this provincial investment."

"From modernizing our curriculum to revitalizing our classrooms and their facilities, we are investing in our students and giving them every tool to achieve their full potential," said Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "Our financing of the addition to St. Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Elementary School further demonstrates our government's historic investment in capital projects."

Quick Facts:

- The Ford Government announced in Budget 2019 that over the next ten years, Ontario is investing nearly \$13 billion in capital grants, including

allocating over \$500M this year alone to improve classrooms for our children.

- The Ministry of Education is currently accepting submissions from school boards for their top 10 school-based capital priorities for funding consideration as well as support for the expansion of childcare spaces.
- The Ministry reviews all Capital Priorities submissions for eligibility and announces successful projects annually

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