
2014 CHILD CARE SERVICE PLAN

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CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend Council approve:

- 1. The 2014 Child Care Service Plan attached as Document 1.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the General Manager, Community and Social Services Department, or designate, to provide final approval for operational and capital contributions within the Child Care Program that do not exceed the value of the approved budget provision and are assigned in accordance with the criteria for prioritization of eligible proposals under the Council approved funding program.**
- 3. That the Child Care Modernization Project be included as a priority in the City's Strategic Plan 2011-2014 and Balanced Scorecard, as outlined in this report.**

Dr. Aaron Burry, General Manager Community and Social Services gave a brief summary and context of the report. He then introduced those who would be assisting him in the PowerPoint presentation: Marlynne Ferguson, Manager, Community and Social Services Direct Operations, Dr. Cintia Quiroga, Expert Panel and Moira D'Aoust, Andrew Fleck Child Care Services

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is held on file with the City Clerk's office.

The Committee then heard from the following delegations:

- 1) Christine Sbardella – Ottawa Childcare Association : She expressed concern with the funding formula and that it may lead to loss of funding for the most vulnerable of children. She also stated that child care facilities should be part of the planning and development stage as are schools and parks.
- 2) Jo-Ann Hightower – Ottawa Federation of Parent Daycare : Echoed the sentiments of the previous speaker and stated that monies must flow to the not-for-profit day care centres.
- 3) Tamara Brown – Brown Bear Day Care: Commented that Parental choice of day care facility must be paramount and that private day cares should not be forgotten.

The Committee also received a written submission from:

- Deborah Thompson, Executive Director, Children's Village

During the presentations, Committee members asked questions of the delegations on their presentations and of staff. Chair Taylor thanked the delegations for their insight and to staff for their work on an important issue facing some of the most vulnerable in our community.

The report recommendations were then put to Committee and CARRIED as presented.