



MINUTES
Strategic Priorities Committee

April 18, 2017
10:00 am
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Council Present: Mayor Strathdee
Councillor Osborne
Councillor Van Galen
Councillor Winter
Councillor Pope
Councillor Craigmile

Council Regrets: Councillor Hainer

Staff Present: Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk
Trisha McKibbin, Director of Corporate Services / Deputy Clerk
Stephanie Ische, Director of Community Services
Jim Brown, Director of Finance
Stacey MacDonald, Early Learning Services Supervisor
Jenna McCartney, Corporate Administrative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Strathdee called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Resolution 2017-04-18-01

Moved By: Councillor Pope

Seconded By: Councillor Osborne

THAT the April 18, 2017 Strategic Priorities Committee agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

5. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES REVIEW

5.1 DCS 02-2017 Infant Care

Stephanie Ische introduced DCS 02-2017 report and welcomed Stacey MacDonald.

Stacey MacDonald presented the options listed in DCS 02-2017 report and responded to questions from Council.

Staff updated Council that the actual relocation of the Child Care Centre to its new site was an additional \$105,000 to the budgeted figure of \$495,000.

Staff is in the midst of discussions with the Catholic School Board and Social Services for Perth County (Stratford) regarding opportunities to cost share the deficit funds.

Committee sought clarification of the ratio 1 staff to 3 infants and how that equates to 10 infants and 3 staff.

Committee sought clarification regarding the proposed daily rate for infant care.

Staff confirmed that Social Services is willing to offer a funding gap of \$5,763.75 per month for six months during a period of transition to infant care.

Social Services has offered \$53,204 towards the infant room set up that is available at the end of 2017. Further, the infant room would be eligible to receive additional wage subsidy totaling \$28,600 on an annual basis.

Staff have been reviewing strategies for improving cost effective service which will be addressed at a subsequent meeting.

Resolution 2017-04-18-02

Moved By: Councillor Winter

Seconded By: Councillor Osborne

THAT the Committee recommends to Council:

THAT St. Marys Child Care Centre proceed with Option 1 as presented in DCS 02-2017 report for the delivery of infant care at its site.

CARRIED

Resolution 2017-04-18-03

Moved By: Councillor Van Galen

Seconded By: Councillor Craigmile

THAT the Committee recommends to Council:

THAT the infant care program commence on July 1, 2017 at the St. Marys Child Care Centre.

CARRIED

6. NEXT MEETING

Mayor Strathdee reviewed the upcoming meeting as presented in the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2017-04-18-04

Moved By: Councillor Pope

Seconded By: Councillor Van Galen

That this meeting of the Strategic Priorities Committee adjourn at 11:00am.

CARRIED

Al Strathdee, Mayor

Brent Kittmer, CAO / Clerk