



**City Of Kingston
Arts, Recreation & Community
Policies Committee
Meeting Number 06-2017
Minutes
Thursday September 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall**

Committee Members Present

Councillor Neill; Chair
Councillor Osanic
Councillor Holland
Councillor Hutchison
Councillor McLaren

Regrets

Councillor Boehme

Staff Members Present

Ms. Austin, Children's Services Supervisor
Mr. Laidman, Director, Housing & Social Services
Mr. Thompson, Committee Clerk

Others Present

Members of the public were present

Meeting to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Osanic
Seconded by Councillor Holland

That the agenda be approved.

Carried

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor McLaren
Seconded by Councillor Osanic

That the Minutes of Arts, Recreation & Community Policies Committee Meeting Number 05-2017 held Thursday June 22, 2017 be approved

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Delegations

There were none.

Briefings

There were none.

Business

a) New Provincial Child Care Funding Initiatives & Requirements

Mr. Laidman provided the Committee with an overview of the Report.

Councillor Hutchison arrived at the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Councillor Holland requested an update regarding the status of the child care waitlist. Mr. Laidman responded that staff conducted an analysis of the existing system. He indicated that there is not a waitlist for subsidized spots. He stated that staff will examine expanding the eligibility of the system. He mentioned that most agencies are not close to maximum occupancy. Ms. Austin provided further information regarding the licensing aspect of the system.

Councillor Osanic questioned if the for-profit child care centres have been consulted regarding this matter. Ms. Austin responded that agencies were provided the report that is before the Committee for consideration. She commented that staff have not received any responses from the service providers.

Councillor Neill requested that Councillor Holland assume the role of Chair.

Councillor Neill sought further information regarding the subsidy criteria. Mr. Laidman provided the Committee with information regarding the two types of funding available. He spoke to the eligibility criteria for the subsidy.

Mr. Laidman provided further information regarding the implications of the recommendation.

Councillor Neill resumed the role of Chair.

Councillor Neill questioned why the provincial government is focused on for-profit child care providers. Ms. Austin responded that the provincial government seeks to improve the quality of childcare.

Councillor Hutchison sought further information regarding wage enhancement. Ms. Austin provided the Committee with additional information regarding wage enhancement.

The Chair provided members of the public with an opportunity to provide comment.

Mr. Dixon requested that staff provide further data regarding the number of children in for-profit and non-profit childcare facilities.

Mr. Laidman indicated that in 2016, Kingston was two percent above the provincial threshold. He stated that if the system remains the current size it will be sustainable. He noted that staff continuously monitor changes to demographics. He indicated that the provincial government manages the number of licenses issued.

Moved by Councillor Holland
Seconded by Councillor Hutchison

That the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee recommend that Council approve an immediate “hold” on fee subsidy funding for new for-profit childcare operators until December 31, 2018; and

That the Arts, Recreation and Community Policies Committee recommend that Council approve a fee subsidy funding “hold” on expansion sites (new locations) for currently funded for-profit childcare operators that are not operational by December 1, 2017.

Carried

b) Report Received from the Arts Advisory Committee
i. 2016 Arts Advisory Committee Report Card

Moved by Councillor Holland
Seconded by Councillor McLaren

That the 2016 Arts Advisory Committee Report Card be approved as a summary of the work accomplished by the Arts Advisory Committee.

Carried

Motions

There were none.

Notices Of Motion

There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Correspondence

There was none.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Arts, Recreation & Community Policies Committee is scheduled for October 26, 2017.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Hutchison
Seconded by Councillor Osanic

That the meeting of the Arts, Recreation, and Community Policies Committee adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Carried