



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 14, 2011

A meeting of the Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 10:10 a.m. at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, 9 International Drive, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Peter Emon, Chair
Bob Sweet, Warden

Committee Members: Audrey Green, Richard Rabishaw, Harold Weckworth, Jack Wilson
Ed Jacyno, City of Pembroke Representative

Regrets: David Thompson

Staff Present: W. James Hutton, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
James D. Kutschke, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk
David Anderson, Director of Social Services
Chery Leigh, Ontario Works Manager
Carol Neill, General Manager, Renfrew County Housing Corp.
Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care Services
Karen McManus, Administrative Assistant

Chair Emon called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-11-04-13

Moved by: Mayor Rabishaw
Seconded by: Mayor Weckworth

THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee meeting held on March 10, 2011 be adopted as printed and circulated.

CARRIED.

Mr. David Anderson, Director of Social Services, reviewed the Department Report, which is attached as Appendix A.

Mr. Anderson commented that in both the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) web release and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) release pertaining to the provincial and federal budget announcements, it was noted that there was no new funding for social housing.

Mr. Anderson overviewed the Social Housing Service Corporation (SHSC) Financial Inc. Provider Investment Report indicating the non-profit housing provider's investments held with Philips, Hager & North as at December 31, 2010.

Mr. Anderson commented that all three divisions of the Social Services Department would be participating with other County of Renfrew departments at Expo 150 being held on June 9 – 12, 2011 in a display highlighting the theme of the event, "A Journey Through Time."

Ontario Works Division

Ms. Chery Leigh, Ontario Works Manager, overviewed the Ontario Works Division Report, which is attached to the Department Report, and provided an update on caseload statistics, program funding, changes to programs, staff changes, staff training, activities of staff in health and safety, emergency services, etc.

Ms. Leigh reported on the Social Services Solutions Modernization Project (SSSMP) and advised that the scheduled date of April 4, 2011 for the six pilot sites to go live with On-Line Applications had been postponed, but she had since been advised that successful implementation did take place on April 12, 2011. The City of Ottawa is the pilot site for the Eastern Region. It was noted that the County of Renfrew is scheduled to go live with On-Line Applications on May 16, 2011.

Ms. Leigh reported on a new provincial government dental program for low-income children (excluding Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program) called Healthy Smiles Ontario. Under this program children 17 and under who do not have access to any form of dental coverage can get regular dental services at no cost if members of the household are within an adjusted family net income of \$20,000 per year or below.

Child Care

Ms. Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care Services, overviewed the Child Care Division Report, which is attached to the Social Services Department Report.

The Integration Coordinators Statistics and the Eligibility Coordinators monthly statistics were reviewed.

Ms. Mulvihill noted that Dr. Jeff Sherman, Consulting Psychologist, has been providing clinical consultation to the Special Needs Resourcing Service for four years in the County of Renfrew. Dr. Sherman has agreed to continue to provide the same level of service for the 2011 calendar year, at a rate of \$1,600 per (10-hour) day for a minimum of 10 times in the year for a total cost of \$16,000. Funds would be utilized from 100% provincial Best Start funding.

Ms. Mulvihill recommended that the Committee approve the continuation of Dr. Sherman's services as it would provide a seamless system for families and children presently involved with Dr. Sherman.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-11-04-14

Moved by: Mayor Wilson
Seconded by: Mayor Rabishaw

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that a by-law be adopted authorizing the County of Renfrew to enter into a contract with Dr. Jeff Sherman, Consulting Psychologist, for the year 2011 to oversee and approve clinical recommendations made in Integration Services to the licensed child care agencies.

CARRIED.

Ms. Mulvihill provided background on the Special Needs Resourcing Program and explained that Special Needs Resourcing funds are provided to licensed child care agencies and approved recreation programs to fund enhanced staffing for children with special needs based on the level of service the child will require. The level of service required by the child is determined by the County of Renfrew Integration Coordinators, parents and child care providers. This funding is a Ministry of Education mandated service that is to be provided using Special Needs Resourcing funds. An agreement was reviewed by legal counsel and approved in 2008.

The Child Care Services Division will ensure that the necessary reporting and documentation will be provided by each agency that enters into a Special Needs Resourcing agreement.

Ms. Mulvihill noted the dedicated Special Needs Resourcing funds for 2011 as follows:

	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Includes Enhanced Budget</u>
Day Nurseries Act (80/20%)	\$410,755	\$248,312
Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) (100%)	<u>\$699,171</u>	<u>\$424,393</u>
Total	\$1,109,926	\$672,705

Note: Enhanced support is funding flowed to contracted child care agencies.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-11-04-15

Moved by: Reeve Green
Seconded by: Mayor Jacyno

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that a by-law be passed to enter into annual Special Needs Resourcing Agreements beginning April 27, 2011 with the following licensed child care agencies, until superseded or replaced by a subsequent agreement:

- Arnprior and District Child Care Services – Leaps and Bounds Children’s Centre
- Child’s Paradise Day Care
- Columbus House (daycare)
- Community Resource Centre (Killaloe) – Kidz Kastle Children’s Centre
- Deep River Nursery School
- Garderie Les petite mains (daycare)
- Garderie l’Arc-en-ciel (daycare)
- Ketcha Star (Eganville) Daycare
- Kidd’s Learning Centre
- Laurentian Hills, Town of Chalk River – Chalk River Nursery School
- Mindiwin Manido – Pikwakanagan
- Mountain River Child Care Association – Children’s Junction
- Pembroke Cooperative Nursery School – The Children’s Garden Nursery School and Homemade Tales Licensed Family Home
- Petawawa Co-operative Nursery School – Kinder Connection Nursery School
- Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre – Kiddie Kollege, Lil’ Troopers, North Side and South Side Day Care, and Licensed Family Home
- Pineridge Children’s Centre
- Wise Owl Daycare

AND FURTHER THAT this by-law authorizes the County of Renfrew to enter into the annual Special Needs Resourcing Agreement beginning April 27, 2011 with the following recreation programs, until superseded by a subsequent agreement:

- Boys & Girls Club of Pembroke
- CFB Petawawa Community Recreation Program
- Community Resource Centre Killaloe – Kidz Kastle Children’s Centre
- City of Pembroke – Riverside Park Summer Day Camp
- Town of Arnprior – Camp Wanago
- Town of Renfrew – Summer Day Camp

CARRIED.

Ms. Mulvihill reported that in order to abide by the County of Renfrew Child Care Policies regarding Child Care Agency’s use of fee and wage subsidy, an annually approved Child Care Service Agreement must be entered into by each licensed child care agency and eligible recreation program. Reporting requirements for each licensed child care agency that has entered into an agreement are detailed in the agreement as per the County of Renfrew and the Ministry of Education Guidelines.

The renewal of these agreements each year is at the discretion of the County of Renfrew based upon compliance with agreement terms and Day Nursery Act Licensing terms. The Child Care Service Agreement includes the provision that licensed child care agencies will be required to participate in the completion of the industry developed Environment Rating Scale, by the County of Renfrew Child Care Services Division. The Environment Rating Scale is applied by age group. These rating scales include the following:

- ITERS - Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale
- ECERS - Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale
- SACERS - School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale
- FCCERS - Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale

As well, licensed child care agencies will be required to follow the guidelines and practices outlined in the ELECT (*Early Learning for Every Child Today*) document. This document was prepared for use by early childhood practitioners, by a panel of professionals from the early childhood education and the formal education sectors in Ontario.

Licensed child care agencies will also be required to continue to participate in the SpecialLink Quality Inclusion Scales; a tool designed to assess inclusion quality in early childhood centres and to help centres progress towards a higher level of quality inclusion (implemented in Renfrew County in 2010).

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-11-04-16

Moved by: Reeve Green

Seconded by: Mayor Rabishaw

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that a By-law be passed to authorize the County of Renfrew to enter into a Child Care Service Agreement with the following agencies beginning September 1, 2011 until superseded by a subsequent agreement:

- Arnprior and District Child Care Services-Leaps & Bounds Children's Centre
- Child's Paradise Day Care Centre
- Columbus House
- Community Resource Centre Killaloe Inc. – Kidz Kastle Children's Centre
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AND FURTHER THAT this by-law authorizes the County of Renfrew to enter into a Recreation Program Agreement with the following agencies beginning June 1, 2011 until superseded by a subsequent agreement:

- Boys & Girls Club of Pembroke
- CFB Petawawa Community Recreation Program
- Community Resource Centre Killaloe – Kidz Kastle Children's Centre
- City of Pembroke – Riverside Park Summer Day Camp
- Town of Arnprior – Camp Wanago
- Town of Renfrew – Summer Day Camp

CARRIED.

Ms. Mulvihill circulated to the Committee members, for their information, a Full Day Learning School Selection Update, indicating which schools the Ministry of Education had selected to move to Full Day Learning for Junior and Senior Kindergarten in 2012.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-11-04-17

Moved by: Reeve Green

Seconded by: Mayor Rabishaw

THAT the Social Services Department Report, attached as Appendix A, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

The Treasurers unaudited financial statements as at December 31, 2010 were circulated and reviewed.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-11-04-18

Moved by: Mayor Wilson

Seconded by: Mayor Jacyno

THAT the next meeting of this Committee be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 and this meeting adjourn. Time 10:30 a.m.

CARRIED.

**COUNTY OF RENFREW
SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT**

TO: Social Services Committee

FROM: David Anderson, Director of Social Services

DATE: April 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Department Report

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The following items of correspondence are attached for the Committee's information and consideration:
 - a) Appendix I – Web Release dated March 30, 2011 from the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) addressing the 2011 Ontario Provincial budget. You will note in the release that no new money was identified for either affordable housing or social housing.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

- b) Appendix II – Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) Quick Connect dated March 22, 2011 critiquing the 2011 federal budget. It is to be noted that the Affordable Housing Program was not referenced.

Recommendation: Receive as information.

INFORMATION

2. Social Housing Services Corporation - Investments

In accordance to the Social Housing Reform Act, non-profit housing corporations are required to invest with the Social Housing Services Corporation through Phillips Hager & North to an account to be drawn on for capital renovations. Accordingly, attached as Appendix III is a report highlighting investment details as of December 31, 2010.

3. Expo 150

We are pleased to advise Committee that the Social Services Department (Ontario Works, Child Care and Social Housing) will be participating with other County of

Renfrew departments at Expo 150, being held on June 9 – 12, 2011. The theme, “Be Part of a Journey Through Time,” will be highlighted by each division.

4. Ontario Works Division Report

Attached as Appendix IV to this report is the Ontario Works Division Report prepared by Ms. Chery Leigh, Ontario Works Manager.

5. Child Care Division Report

Attached as Appendix V to this report is the Child Care Division Report prepared by Ms. Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care Services.

Report respectfully submitted.

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WEB RELEASE

March 30, 2011

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN ONTARIO'S HOUSING SYSTEM MISSING FROM 2011 PROVINCIAL BUDGET

(Toronto) The 2011 Ontario budget, released on March 29th, did not include any new targeted investments in affordable housing; offering little hope to the now 152,000 households on social housing wait lists across Ontario – a number that is up by 8% since 2010.

“Naturally it is disappointing,” said Keith Ward, President of the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA). “While we acknowledge and thank the government for the sizeable economic stimulus and other investments it has made in the past to the social housing sector, this funding has been very short-term in nature. We had hoped the Province would seize an important opportunity to build on the momentum of its Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy by funding that strategy.”

The 2011 Budget offered assistance to the education and health sectors, including investments in a Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, and contained small, much needed increases in social assistance rates. However, it failed to address a major foundational issue affecting the health and stability of Ontario's low and moderate income families – namely, the provision of safe, secure and affordable housing.

“Lack of affordable housing is a province-wide problem that affects the educational success of children, the health of individuals, and the economic strength of our province,” said ONPHA Executive Director, Sharad Kerur. “We were happy to see the Province recognize the importance of community-based non-profit solutions in its housing strategy, but helping the 152,000 households waiting for subsidized housing will require strategic long-term funding and the development of innovative financing solutions – none of which were directly addressed in the budget.”

ONPHA had asked the government to recognize community-based housing in its 10-year infrastructure plan. As the Province moves into the first phase of this plan with \$35 billion in funding over the next three years, ONPHA is once again urging the government to ensure that social housing assets have access to these critical financial resources.

“These community assets have been built over many generations using taxpayer dollars,” said Kerur. “Like hospitals, schools and roads – they serve important community needs and must be protected and maintained for the future.”

But, ensuring a strong future for Ontario's affordable housing system requires that all levels of government work together to support and fund local solutions. Federal-Provincial programs

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like the Affordable Housing Initiative (AHI) and the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP), are important to the creation of innovative locally-based affordable housing, but none were mentioned in either the recent Federal budget or the Ontario budget. While the Ontario budget noted ongoing Federal-Provincial discussions about these programs, no official commitments by either level of government have been made.

“Ontarians cannot afford to wait,” said Ward. “Both the federal and provincial governments have to step up to the plate and commit sustainable funding for the future health and success of people. We are urging both levels of government to work toward an agreement on these initiatives so that non-profit housing providers, and other members of the affordable housing community, can move forward and do our jobs.”

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Quick Connect

March 22, 2011

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced the 2011 Federal Budget this afternoon. Today's budget contained few new spending initiatives and instead continued the government's emphasis on economic recovery.

OMSSA members will be disappointed to know that the budget did not address our core recommendations to expand the Affordable Housing Program, improving supports to increase long-term workforce attachment through improvements to Employment Insurance, and to expanding parental choices in obtaining quality childcare and early learning.

Other items that will be of interest to OMSSA members include:

Overview

- As expected, the theme of the 2011 budget emphasizes the government's past record combined with only a series of small, targeted spending initiatives.
- The government did make clear that it would not raise taxes or cut transfers to persons, including those for seniors, children, and the unemployed, and stated that it would not cut transfers to other levels of government in support of health care and social services.
- Of note for service managers within CMSMs, the government proposed to legislate a permanent annual investment of \$2 billion in municipal infrastructure through the Gas Tax Fund.

Economic Security

The budget contained several targeted spending initiatives in the area of economic security, including:

- Enhancements of the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS). Single recipients with an annual income (other than Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement) of \$2,000 or less, and couples with an annual income of \$4,000 or less, will receive the full amount of the benefit. Above these income thresholds, the top-up amount will be gradually reduced and will be completely phased out at an income level of \$4,400 for singles and \$7,360 for couples.
- \$10 million over two years to increase funding for the New Horizons for Seniors Program, a program for seniors to participate in social activities in their communities
- A proposal to ban the distribution of unsolicited credit card cheques to assist consumers in managing their debt levels.
- A new Family Caregiver Tax Credit to provide a 15-percent non-refundable credit on an amount of \$2,000 for caregivers of all types of infirm dependent relatives, including, for the first time, spouses, common-law partners, and minor children.

- Changes to the Medical Expense Tax Credit by removing the \$10,000 limit on the amount of eligible expenses a taxpayer can claim in respect of a financially dependent relative.
- A 15-percent non-refundable Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit on an amount of \$3,000 for volunteer firefighters. This credit will be available to volunteer firefighters who perform at least 200 hours of service for their communities during a year.
- A 15-percent non-refundable Children's Arts Tax Credit for children who participate in artistic, cultural, recreational, and developmental activities.

Employment Supports

- Implementing an employment transition program to enable Canadian Forces members to access training for construction jobs after leaving the Forces.
- Providing \$10 million for a temporary Hiring Credit for Small Business to assist those employers that continue to face challenges by making available an extension of up to 16 weeks for active or recently terminated work-sharing agreements. The extension will be phased out by October 2011. The government will also make the program more flexible and efficient for employers signing new agreements by recognizing fluctuations in work schedules and by reducing administrative complexity.
- Providing \$50 million over two years to extend the Targeted Initiative for Older Workers program until 2013–14. This program provides a range of employment activities for unemployed older workers in vulnerable communities with populations of less than 250,000 to help them stay in the workforce.
- Providing \$420 million to extending the Working While on Claim and Best 14 Weeks for an additional year. (The Working While on Claim pilot project allows EI claimants to earn additional money while receiving income, and is renewed until August 2012. The Best 14 Weeks pilot project allows claimants in 25 regions of higher unemployment to have their EI benefits calculated based on the highest 14 weeks of earnings over the year preceding a claim, and is renewed until June 2012.)
- Providing an additional \$4.5 million for the Wage Earner Protection Program (WEPP) to provide guaranteed compensation to workers for unpaid wages, vacation pay, severance and termination pay earned in the six months preceding an employer bankruptcy or receivership. This budget extends the WEPP to cover employees who lose their jobs when their employer's attempt at restructuring takes longer than six months, is subsequently unsuccessful, and ends in bankruptcy or receivership.
- Enhancing and expanding eligibility for the Canada Student Loan and Grant Program for part-time and full-time post-secondary students.
- Helping apprentices in the skilled trades and workers in regulated professions by making occupational, trade and professional examination fees eligible for the Tuition Tax Credit.

Housing and homelessness

There was no new funding allocated to the social housing and homelessness sectors, nor was there any mention of the extension of the Affordable Housing Program.

While not directly a housing initiative, there is a proposal to provide nearly \$870 million over two years to address climate change and air quality, including the extension of the ecoENERGY Retrofit –Homes program that will help homeowners make their homes more energy efficient and reduce the burden of high energy costs.

Early learning and child care

There was no mention of “early learning” or “child care” in the budget, other than the reference to the on-going Universal Child Care Benefit.

Aboriginal Canadians

- \$22 million over two years to help First Nations communities to ensure that the fuel tanks that power their essential community services, such as water and waste water treatment systems, schools and community buildings, meet new environmental safety standards
- \$8 million over two years to promote the deployment of clean energy technologies in Aboriginal and Northern communities.

Rural and Northern perspective

The budget did give a nod to rural, remote, and northern communities in two ways.

The first is a proposal to assist new doctors and nurses finding employment in rural and remote communities by proposing to forgive a portion of Canada Student Loans for new family physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurses that practise in under-served rural or remote communities, including communities that provide health services to First Nations and Inuit populations. Starting in 2012–13, practising family physicians will be eligible for federal Canada Student Loan forgiveness of up to \$8,000 per year to a maximum of \$40,000. Nurse practitioners and nurses will be eligible for federal Canada Student Loan forgiveness of up to \$4,000 per year to a maximum of \$20,000.

As well, the small tax credit for volunteer firefighters offers at least an acknowledgement of the financial impacts of volunteering in rural areas.

Analysis

Today’s budget document reads much more like an election document rather than a traditional budget. The content primarily focuses on the government’s achievements over the past few years, particularly in terms of the efforts during the recent economic recession. In contrast, there is much less emphasis on the proposed actions for the years ahead. The spending initiatives are small and limited and will make little difference in the lives of the most vulnerable Canadians.

The proposal to make the gas tax permanent is a positive one. Nonetheless, the proposal once again should remind members that, unlike CMSMs, DSSABs have no ability to directly access the Gas Tax revenue. OMSSA will continue to raise this as part of our on-going discussions with the provincial government about the need to re-examine DSSAB governance.

Buried in the document was a reference to strengthening “social partnerships” at the local level. The government discussed how some groups such as “the homeless, persistently unemployed, and at-risk youth, face complex and continual social challenges and often the best solutions to tackling these difficult problems are found locally.” The government stated that it would encourage “the development of government/community partnerships, enabling communities to tackle local challenges and testing new approaches to improve performance.” Details are to be announced by the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development over the coming months, but there is the potential for innovative opportunities for service managers to work with community partners to solve local issues.

This budget is expected to have important election implications. As of the writing of this bulletin, we already know that the Federal NDP, widely acknowledged as the only party that could vote with the government to pass this budget, has refused to support the budget. An election call by the end of the week is therefore highly likely, and OMSSA will keep members informed of all developments.

With the release of the 2011 federal budget, we now look forward to the provincial budget to be released next Tuesday, March 29.

Links

A copy of the 2011 Federal Budget can be found here:

[2011 Federal budget](#)

OMSSA's pre-budget letter to Prime Minister Harper can be found here:

[OMSSA 2011 Federal Pre-Budget Submission](#)

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Provider Investment Details: 31-Dec-10
(Investments held with Phillips Hager & North)

County of Renfrew

Provider	Provider#	Provider Type	Total Cap Res.	Redemptions	Inception Date
G.T. Seniors Apartments Of Arnprior Incorporated	E00117	Private	\$98,498.64	\$29,960.00	02-Dec-03
Kinsmen Court Home For Men & Women (Pembroke) Inc.	E00150	Private	\$450,861.70	\$0.00	14-Nov-03
Opeongo Non-Profit Community Residential Development Inc.	E02081	Private	\$369,788.75	\$133,000.00	27-Oct-03
Renfrew County Housing Corporation	LHC005	LHC	\$139,241.61	\$30,000.00	15-May-07
St. Joseph Non-Profit Housing (Pembroke) Corporation	E00003	Private	\$2,010,804.25	\$0.00	10-Feb-04
Total for Service Manager:			\$3,069,194.95	\$192,960.00	

Note: Redemptions are only withdrawals from investment funds and NOT transfers within funds.

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ONTARIO WORKS DIVISION REPORT

Prepared by: Chery Leigh, Ontario Works Manager

Prepared for: Social Services Committee

April 14, 2011

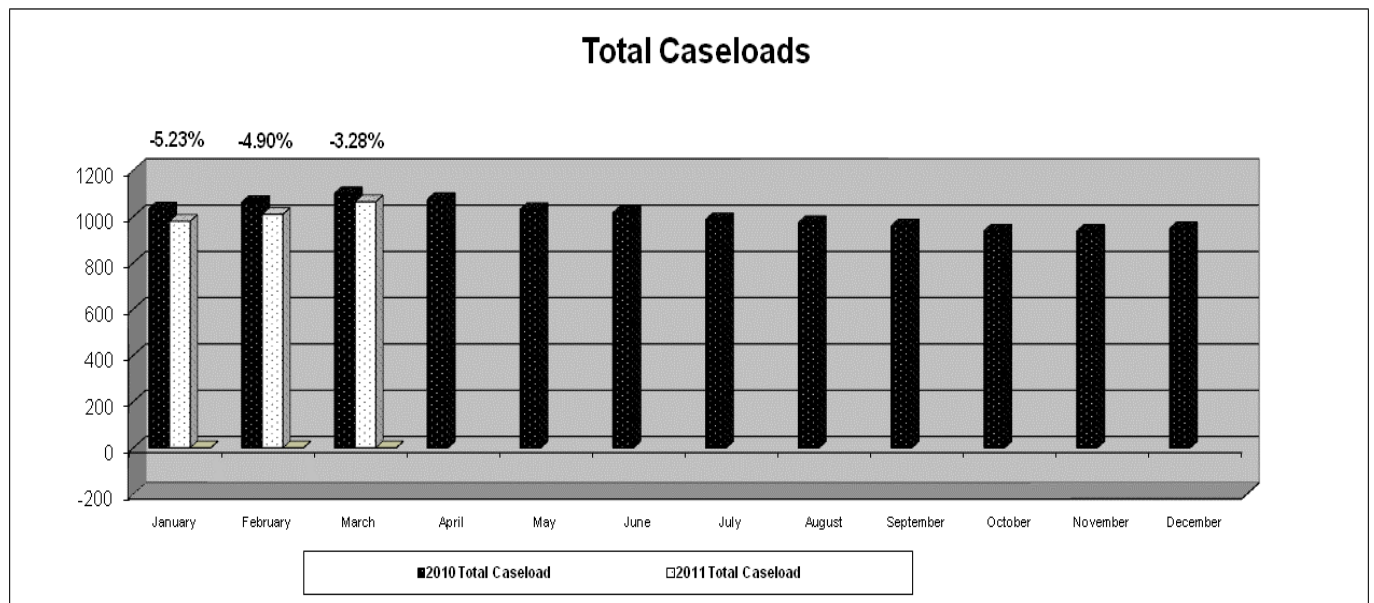
INFORMATION

The following is a brief summary of activities that occurred during March 2011:

1. Caseload Statistics

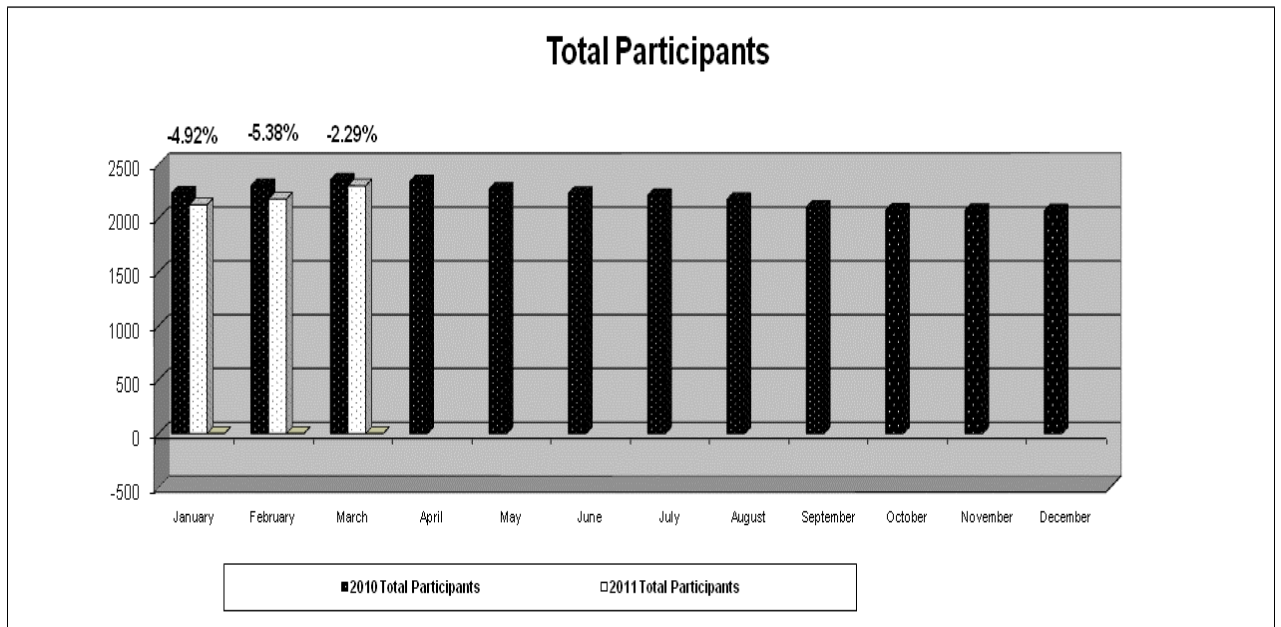
2010 and 2011 Monthly
Ontario Works Caseload
Comparison

	2010 Total Caseload	2011 Total Caseload	Percentage of Change
January	1033	979	-5.23%
February	1061	1009	-4.90%
March	1099	1063	-3.28%
April	1073		
May	1030		
June	1015		
July	986		
August	973		
September	959		
October	937		
November	936		
December	947		



2010 and 2011 Monthly
Ontario Works Participant
Comparison

	2010 Total Participants	2011 Total Participants	Percentage of Change
January	2235	2125	-4.92%
February	2302	2179	-5.34%
March	2356	2302	-2.29%
April	2340		
May	2270		
June	2232		
July	2212		
August	2176		
September	2103		
October	2075		
November	2074		
December	2071		



2. Project Fund Updates for 2011

Name of Project	Number of Applications to Date in 2011	Total Number of Families Approved to Date in 2011	Monthly Expenditure	Approx Funds Remaining	Program Budget
“Staying Put”	35	35	\$15,571.89	\$77,793.91	\$103,610
Emergency Transient Assistance	4	4	\$37.01	\$789.51	\$1,000
Emergency Energy Fund	9	9	\$7,814.45	\$5,972.35	\$16,320
Rent Bank Program	0	0	0	0	\$32,127.30

3. Social Services Solutions Modernization Project (SSSMP)

The scheduled date of April 4, 2011 for the pilot sites to go live with On-Line Applications has been postponed until further notice. The City of Ottawa is the pilot site for Eastern Region.

4. Healthy Smiles Ontario

The Provincial Government have a dental program for low-income children (excluding Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program) called Healthy Smiles Ontario. Healthy Smiles Ontario is a new program for kids 17 and under who do not have access to any form of dental coverage. If eligible, children will get regular dental services at no cost if members of the household are within an adjusted family net income of \$20,000 per year or below. If the person meets the above-noted criteria, he/she is to fill out the online application and then call the Health Unit at 613-735-8651 or 613-735-8661 or 613-732-3629 to set up an appointment.

Information can be found at: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/dental/> Please also note that if families are not eligible for this program there is also [Children In Need of Treatment \(CINOT\)](#). Families with children who are in receipt of Social Assistance will receive dental care under the Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program.

5. Enhanced Employment Services

Enhanced Employment Services Initiative was introduced late in 2009. This 100% provincially funded initiative assists vulnerable persons (disabled, victims of family violence, older workers, persons with mental health issues, etc.) with enhanced services that prepare and support vulnerable persons on social assistance for labour market success. This initiative will be ending June 30, 2011.

Report respectfully submitted.

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CHILD CARE SERVICES REPORT

Prepared by: Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care Services

Prepared for: Social Services Committee

April 14, 2011

INFORMATION1. Integration Coordinators Statistics

The monthly statistical report for Integration Services for March 2011 is attached as Appendix CC-I.

This statistical report indicates the number of children presently being served through the Special Needs Integration Services. Specifically, this report indicates the number of children on the wait list, the number of children receiving resource funding and the number of children on the wait list for resource funding.

2. Child Care Eligibility Coordinator Report

The statistical report of the Child Care Eligibility Coordinators for February 2011 is attached as Appendix CC-II. This report indicates the number of families and children on the Eligibility Coordinators caseload who are receiving fee subsidy for the month.

BY-LAWS3. Consulting Psychologist

Dr. Jeff Sherman has been providing clinical consultation to the Special Needs Resourcing Service for four years in the County of Renfrew. To continue with the usage of Dr. Sherman's services would provide a seamless system for families and children presently involved with Dr. Sherman.

The financial implications of \$16,000.00 will be funds utilized from 100% provincial Best Start funds in the Special Needs Resourcing program expenditures.

Recommendation: That the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that a by-law be adopted authorizing the County of Renfrew to enter into a contract with Dr. Jeff Sherman, Consulting Psychologist, for the year 2011 to oversee and approve clinical recommendations made in Integration Services to the licensed child care agencies.

4. Special Needs Resourcing Agreement

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Total	\$1,109,926	\$672,705

Note: Enhanced support is funding flowed to contracted child care agencies.

Recommendation: THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that a by-law be passed to enter into annual Special Needs Resourcing Agreements beginning April 27, 2011 with the following licensed child care agencies, until superseded or replaced by a subsequent agreement:

- Arnprior and District Child Care Services – Leaps and Bounds Children’s Centre
- Child’s Paradise Day Care
- Columbus House (daycare)
- Community Resource Centre (Killaloe) – Kidz Kastle Children’s Centre
- Deep River Nursery School
- Garderie Les petite mains (daycare)
- Garderie l’Arc-en-ciel (daycare)
- Ketcha Star (Eganville) Daycare
- Kidd’s Learning Centre
- Laurentian Hills, Town of Chalk River – Chalk River Nursery School
- Mindiwin Manido – Pikwakanagan
- Mountain River Child Care Association – Children’s Junction
- Pembroke Cooperative Nursery School – The Children’s Garden Nursery School and Homemade Tales Licensed Family Home
- Petawawa Co-operative Nursery School – Kinder Connection Nursery School
- Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre – Kiddie Kollege, Lil’ Troopers, North Side and South Side Day Care, and Licensed Family Home
- Pineridge Children’s Centre
- Wise Owl Daycare

AND FURTHER THAT this by-law authorizes the County of Renfrew to enter into the annual Special Needs Resourcing Agreement beginning April 27, 2011 with the following recreation programs, until superseded by a subsequent agreement:

- Boys & Girls Club of Pembroke
- CFB Petawawa Community Recreation Program
- Community Resource Centre Killaloe – Kidz Kastle Children’s Centre
- City of Pembroke – Riverside Park Summer Day Camp
- Town of Renfrew – Summer Day Camp
- Town of Arnprior – Camp Wanago

5. Child Care Service Agreement

In order to abide by the County of Renfrew Child Care Policies regarding Child Care Agency’s use of fee and wage subsidy an annually approved Child Care Service Agreement must be entered into by each licensed child care agency and eligible recreation program.

The financial impact regarding an annual Child Care Service Agreement is usage of approved child care budgets and will include the municipal 20% portion under the Day Nurseries Act funding. Reporting requirements for each licensed child care agency that has entered into an agreement are detailed in the agreement as per the County of Renfrew and the Ministry of Education Guidelines.

The renewal of these agreements each year is at the discretion of the County of Renfrew based upon compliance with agreement terms and Day Nursery Act Licensing terms. The Child Care Service Agreement includes the provision that licensed child care agencies will be required to participate in the completion of the industry developed Environment Rating Scale, by the County of Renfrew Child Care Services Division. The Environment Rating Scale is applied by age group. These rating scales include the following:

- ITERS - Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale
- ECERS - Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale
- SACERS - School-Age Care Environment Rating Scale
- FCCERS - Family Child Care Environment Rating Scale

As well, licensed child care agencies will be required to follow the guidelines and practices outlined in the ELECT (*Early Learning for Every Child Today*) document. This document was prepared for use by early childhood practitioners, by a panel of professionals from the early childhood education and the formal education sectors in Ontario.

Licensed child care agencies will also be required to continue to participate in the SpecialLink Quality Inclusion Scales; a tool designed to assess inclusion quality in early childhood centres and to help centres progress towards a higher level of quality inclusion (implemented in Renfrew County in 2010).

Recommendation: THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council that a By-law be passed to authorize the County of Renfrew to enter into a Child Care Service Agreement with the following agencies beginning September 1, 2011 until superseded by a subsequent agreement:

- Arnprior and District Child Care Services-Leaps & Bounds Children's Centre
- Child's Paradise Day Care Centre
- Columbus House
- Community Resource Centre Killaloe Inc. – Kidz Kastle Children's Centre
- Deep River Nursery School
- Garderie l'Arc-en-ciel
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- Wise Owl Daycare

AND FURTHER THAT this by-law authorizes the County of Renfrew to enter into a Recreation Program Agreement with the following agencies beginning June 1, 2011 until superseded by a subsequent agreement:

- Boys & Girls Club of Pembroke
- CFB Petawawa Community Recreation Program
- Community Resource Centre Killaloe – Kidz Kastle Children's Centre
- City of Pembroke – Riverside Park Summer Day Camp
- Town of Renfrew – Summer Day Camp
- Town of Arnprior – Camp Wanago

Report respectfully submitted.

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COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER -11

**A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE
PROVISION OF PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR
INTEGRATION SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2011**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25 authorizes Council to enter into contracts;

AND WHEREAS on February 28, 2008 County Council adopted Resolution No. SS-CC-08-02-21 a resolution authorizing the County of Renfrew Social Services Department to enter into a service contract for Psychological Consultation Services for Integration Services;

AND WHEREAS the Consulting Psychologist has agreed to continue to provide the same level of service for the 2011 calendar year, at a rate of \$1,600 per (10-hour) day for a minimum of 10 times in the year for a total cost of \$16,000.00;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the County of Renfrew enters into a contract with Dr. Jeff Sherman, Consulting Psychologist, for the 2011 calendar year to oversee and approve clinical recommendations made in Integration Services to the licensed child care agencies.
2. That the Warden and Clerk are hereby empowered to do and execute all things, papers and documents necessary to the execution of this by-law.
3. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first time this 27th day of April, 2011.

READ a second time this 27th day of April, 2011.

READ a third time and finally passed this 27th day of April, 2011.

ROBERT SWEET, WARDEN

W. JAMES HUTTON, CLERK

COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER -11

A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CHILD CARE AGENCIES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING FUNDING FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2011

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25 authorizes Council to enter into agreements;

AND WHEREAS The Day Nurseries Act, as well as the policies of the Ministry of Education, authorizes the County of Renfrew to provide funding to social agencies to enable the agencies to hire special needs resource staff for children with special needs based on the level of service the child will require;

AND WHEREAS on January 30, 2008 County Council adopted Resolution No. SS-CC-08-01-05 a resolution approving the new Special Needs Resourcing Funding Agreement;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to renew the Special Needs Resourcing Funding Agreement with agencies for the 2011 calendar year;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the County of Renfrew enters into a Special Needs Resourcing Funding Agreement for 2011 with the following agencies:

Arnprior and District Child Care Services - Leaps and Bounds Children's Centre
Child's Paradise Day Care
Columbus House (daycare)
Community Resource Centre (Killaloe) – Kidz Kastle Children's Centre
Deep River Nursery School
Garderie Les petite mains (daycare)
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Recreation Programs:

Boys & Girls Club of Pembroke
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City of Pembroke – Riverside Park Summer Day Camp
Town of Arnprior – Camp Wanago
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2. That the Warden and Clerk are hereby empowered to do and execute all things, papers and documents necessary to the execution of this by-law.
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W. JAMES HUTTON, CLERK

COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER -11

A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE WARDEN AND CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT/AGREEMENT WITH CHILD CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHILD CARE SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF RENFREW

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, as amended, authorizes Council to enter into agreements;

AND WHEREAS in June 1998 the County of Renfrew was designated a Consolidated Municipal Service Manager, and has a clear responsibility to meet Provincial policies and standards, and to be accountable to local taxpayers for the effective management of Child Care within their service area;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew has been designated as a child care delivery agent under the Day Nurseries Act, effective April 1, 1999;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to enter into a service contract/agreement between the County of Renfrew and the named child care providers (operators) for the purpose of child care services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the Warden and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign and seal all things, papers and documents necessary or incidental to the execution of this by-law.
2. That the Warden and Clerk are hereby authorized and instructed to enter into a service contract/agreement with the following child care providers:

Licensed Child Care Centres:

Arnprior and District Child Care Services-Leaps & Bounds Children's Centre
Child's Paradise Day Care Centre
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Community Resource Centre Killaloe Inc. – Kidz Kastle Children's Centre
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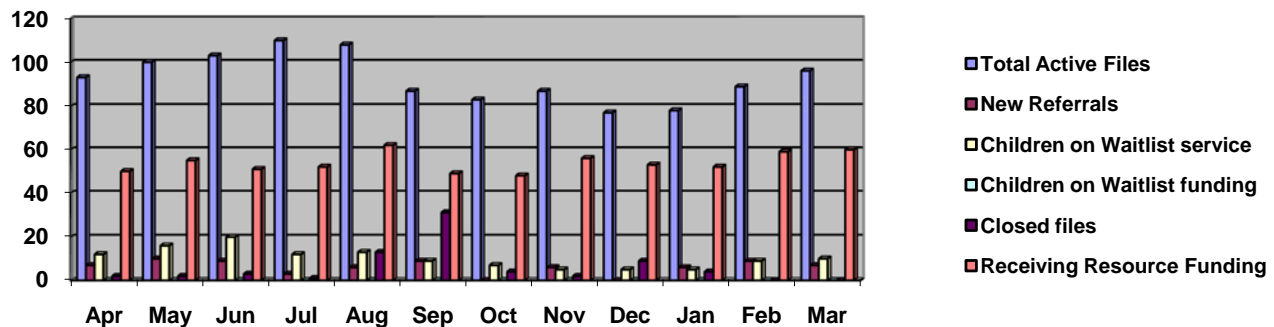
**COUNTY OF RENFREW CHILD CARE
SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING SERVICES STATISTICS**

Date: April 14 2011

Statistics as of: March 31, 2011

For the Month of: March 2011

	2010										2011		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Total Active Files	93	100	103	110	108	87	83	87	77	78	89	96	
New Referrals	7	10	9	3	6	9	0	6	0	6	9	7	
Children on Waitlist service	12	16	20	12	13	9	7	5	5	5	9	10	
Children on Waitlist funding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Closed files	2	2	3	1	13	31	4	2	9	4	0	0	
Receiving Resource Funding	50	55	51	52	62	49	48	56	53	52	59	60	



Active files: Children receiving support from an Integration Coordinator.

Wait List: Children waiting to receive support or may be waiting for resource funding, but no space is available at a licensed child care agency. Files do not become active until all required documentation is complete.

Resource Funding: Funding allocated to a licensed child care facility to hire a “special needs resource teacher” to support the integration of the child into the program.

TOTAL WITHDRAWALS FOR ONGOING FAMILIES ONLY (2011 CUMULATIVE):	18
TOTAL INELIGIBLE FOR ONGOING FAMILIES ONLY (2011 CUMULATIVE):	3
<i>REASONS:</i>	
1	Moved out of jurisdiction
1	Parental Leave
1	Income in Excess
1	No further contact
1	Child removed
1	Income verification not received
1	Work not found
1	Activity criteria not met
1	Documentation not provided
1	Child above maximum age
1	Parent not willing to pay fee
1	Suitable child care not found
4	Care no longer required
1	Withdrawal without notice
1	Terminated from waitlist
10	Other

CURRENT COUNTY WAITLIST TOTAL: 315

COMMENTS:

MONTHS	2010		2011	
	FAMILIES	CHILDREN	FAMILIES	CHILDREN
JANUARY	321	471	337	473
FEBRUARY	332	485	347	484
MARCH	334	490		
APRIL	340	493		
MAY	350	503		
JUNE	355	511		
JULY	340	499		
AUGUST	338	501		
SEPTEMBER	346	507		
OCTOBER	329	467		
NOVEMBER	330	470		
DECEMBER	329	470		

Prepared By: Angela Cybulski-Picard - Intake Coordinator, Child Care Services

Date: March 30, 2011