



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

A special meeting of the Social Services Committee was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Pine Boardroom, County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Debbie Robinson, Chair
Jennifer Murphy, Warden

Committee Members: James Brose, Glenn Doncaster, Debbi Grills, Brian Hunt, Ed Jacyno, John Reinwald

Regrets: Janice Visneskie Moore

Staff Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Laura LePine, Director of Social Services
Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long Term Care
Michel Barber, Media Relations/Grants Coordinator
Mary Hewitt, Early Years Supervisor
Karen McManus, Administrative Assistant

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

Ms. Laura LePine, Director of Social Services, explained that the 2018-2019 Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre Service Agreement between the County of Renfrew and the Ministry of Education sets out a two-year contract cycle to support continuity in planning for the Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres (EarlyON).

The County of Renfrew adopted By-law No. 108-17 on October 25, 2017 to enter into the 2018-2019 Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre Agreement. The agreement was amended on February 28, 2018 (By-law No. 23-18) by adding Amending Agreement No. 1 to reflect additional Journey Together funding.

At the Social Services Committee meeting on March 13, 2019 a resolution was adopted to recommend to Council that By-law 108-17, being a by-law to authorize the Warden and Clerk to Execute the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry of Education for the 2018-19 Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centre Service Agreement, be amended to add Amending Agreement No. 2 to reflect the Community-Based EarlyON Child and Family Centre Capital Program (CBEP) funding allocation.

Ms. LePine advised that since the March 13, 2019 meeting, staff of the Social Services Department have been in contact with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry requested that the contents of the amending agreement with respect to the additional CBEP funding must remain confidential at this time. It was determined that because of the confidentiality factor, the agreement could not go to Council for approval and it would need to be tabled to a future meeting of Council.

Ms. LePine advised that she was again contacted by Ministry staff and when she explained the situation to Ministry staff, the Ministry agreed to make an exception and allow the agreement to go to Council for approval on March 27 2019 so that the CBEP funding could be allocated by March 31, 2019, but requested that no media releases or announcements be made with respect to the CBEP funding.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-19-03-15

Moved by: Warden Murphy

Seconded by: Councillor Reinwald

THAT this meeting adjourn. Time 9:35 a.m.

CARRIED.