

# **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

# AGENDA

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Roll call.
- 3. Disclosure of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof.
- 4. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting held on June 15, 2022.
- 5. Delegations: None at the time of mailing.

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- 7. New Business.
- 8. Closed Meeting: Pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the purpose of: Trade secret or other information with significant impact on competitive position of other party.
- 9. Date of next meeting (Tuesday, September 13, 2022) and adjournment.

# NOTE: a) County Council: Wednesday, August 31, 2022.

b) Submissions received from the public, either orally or in writing may become part of the public record.

# **Strategic Plan**

# Strategic Plan Goal # 1: To inform the Federal and Provincial government on our unique needs so that Renfrew County residents get their "fair share".

Initiatives:

- a) Create a strategic communications plan
- b) Identify and advocate for issues important to the County of Renfrew.

# Strategic Plan Goal # 2: Fiscal sustainability for the Corporation of the County of Renfrew and its ratepayers.

Initiatives:

- a) Commitment from Council supporting principles within the Long-Term Financial Plan
- b) Establish Contingency Plan to respond to provincial and federal financial pressures and opportunities beyond the Long-Term Financial Plan.

# Strategic Plan Goal # 3: Find cost savings that demonstrate our leadership while still meeting community needs.

Initiatives:

- a) Complete community needs assessment
- b) With identified partners implement plan to optimize service delivery to the benefit of our residents.

# Strategic Plan Goal # 4: Position the County of Renfrew so that residents benefit from advances in technology, to ensure that residents and staff have fair, affordable and reasonable access to technology.

Initiatives

- a) Ensure that the County of Renfrew is top of the list for Eastern Ontario Regional Network funding for mobile broadband
- b) Lobby for secure and consistent radio systems for first responders and government
- c) Put a County of Renfrew technology strategy in place.

# **COUNTY OF RENFREW**

# **COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**

TO: Community Services Committee

**FROM:** Laura LePine, Director of Community Services

**DATE:** August 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Department Report

# **INFORMATION**

# 1. Expanding Amber Alert System

- a) Attached as Appendix I is a resolution from Hastings County dated July 4, 2022 regarding a community warning program similar to Amber Alert for those persons of special needs or circumstances who leave their caregivers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk.
- b) Attached as Appendix II is a resolution from The Corporation of the City of Mississauga dated July 6, 2022 regarding making changes to the Amber alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.
- c) Attached as Appendix III is a resolution from The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg regarding changes to the Amber Alert system.
- d) Attached as Appendix IV is a resolution from Bonfield Township regarding changes to the Amber Alert system.

# 2. Bill C-233, Keira's Law

a) Attached as Appendix V is resolution from the Township of Perry regarding Bill C-233, Keira's Law, which will raise the level of education

on domestic violence and coercive control for federally appointed Judges.

b) Attached as Appendix VI is resolution from the Township of Amaranth regarding Bill C-233, Keira's Law.

# 3. New Manager of Child Care and Early Years

We are pleased to announce Margo Smith has accepted the position of manager of Child Care and Early Years. Margo comes to us from the Community Services department where she was the supervisor of Ontario Works. Margo has been with the Community Services Department for 24 years and brings a wealth of knowledge into the role. Welcome Margo.

# 4. Treasurer's Report [Strategic Goal #2]

Attached as Appendix VII is the Treasurer's Report for the Community Services Department at June 30, 2022.

# 5. Ontario Works Division Report

Attached as Appendix VIII is the Ontario Works Division Report prepared by Ms. Andrea Patrick, Manager of Ontario Works, providing an update on activities.

# 6. Child Care and Early Years Division Report

Attached as Appendix IX is the Child Care and Early Years Division Report, prepared by Ms. Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care and Early Years Services, providing an update on activities.

July 4, 2022

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs Premier's Office Room 281 Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

VIA email: <a href="mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org">doug.fordco@pc.ola.org</a>

**Dear Premier Ford:** 

# Re: Hastings County Council – June 30, 2022 – Expanding Amber Alert System

Please be advised that the Council of the County of Hastings, at its regular meeting held June 30, 2022, passed the following resolution:

Moved by:	Councillor Tom Deline
Seconded by:	Councillor Loyde Blackburn

**WHEREAS** we have all become aware of the recent tragic death of Draven Graham, and 11 year old child on the autistic spectrum, after walking away from the family home;

**WHEREAS** the Amber Alert has been very effective in announcing to the public, children who have been abducted and;

**WHEREAS** a similar alert program for those who have special needs who leave family custody would seem to be warranted in the Province of Ontario;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the County of Hastings request the Province of Ontario to develop and implement a community warning program similar to Amber Alert for those persons of special needs or circumstances who leave the caregivers or locations and potentially put themselves at risk;

**AND THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Ford, the leaders of the Opposition Parties in Ontario, the District School Boards, all Hastings County Municipalities, and the local Ontario Provincial Police Service to ask them to support the resolution.

#### Carried

I trust you will find this in order; however should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-966-1311, ext. 3205 or via email at <u>bradleyc@hastingscounty.com</u>.

Yours Truly,

C Minzm-Bradley

Cathy Monzon-Bradley County Clerk

Copy: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education to all Ontario School Boards Mr. Peter Tabuns, Interim Leader NDP - Leader of Official Opposition Mr. Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Liberal Party All Ontario Municipalities Ontario Provincial Police Local Detachments - Centre Hastings and Bancroft Hastings County Member Municipalities



RESOLUTION 0144-2022 adopted by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga at its meeting on July 6, 2022

0144-2022

Moved by: P. Mullin

Seconded by: C. Parrish

Whereas the Ontario AMBER Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger;

Whereas the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child's safe return;

Whereas people are encouraged to share the AMBER Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return;

Whereas an AMBER Alert makes the public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them;

Whereas an AMBER Alert gives citizen's instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a tip or a sighting related to an AMBER Alert.

Whereas an AMBER Alert will only be activated if the police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and the victim is a child or a person of proven physical or mental disability; and, there is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

Whereas it is essential to remember that an AMBER Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria;

Whereas the recent tragic death of 11-year-old Draven Graham showed that the AMBER Alert system is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

And whereas it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Mississauga endorse the following;

- That the Minster of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the AMBER alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.
- 2. That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor B. Crombie	Х			
Councillor S. Dasko	Х			
Councillor P. Mullin	Х			
Councillor C. Fonseca	Х			
Councillor J. Kovac	Х			
Councillor C. Parrish	Х			
Councillor R. Starr			Х	
Councillor D. Damerla	Х			
Councillor M. Mahoney			Х	
Councillor P. Saito	Х			
Councillor S. McFadden	Х			
Councillor G. Carlson	х			

Carried (10-0-2-Absent)



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

# Resolution

Moved By Last Name Printed	Suzanne Séguin Séguin	<b>Resolution No.:</b> 227-22
Seconded By	Nicole Beatty	<b>Council Date:</b>
Last Name Printed	Beatty	June 27, 2022

THAT Council receive the correspondence for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council recognize the recent tragic death of 11-yearold Draven Graham with deepest sympathies to their family; and

FURTHER THAT Cobourg Council acknowledge that at the time this motion was written, there have been over 80,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created; and

FURTHER THAT Cobourg Council endorse a recent resolution as passed by the Municipality of Brighton and its council as follows:

That the Minster of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the AMBER alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.

That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.



#### BONFIELD TOWNSHIP OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY CLERK 365 HIGHWAY 531 BONFIELD ON POH 1E0

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#### RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

No. 4

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Vaillancourt

WHEREAS the Ontario Amber Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger; AND WHEREAS the goal is to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so that the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child's safe return; AND WHEREAS people are encouraged to share the Amber Alert with as many people as possible. If a child or vulnerable person is abducted, spreading the information quickly is critical to their safe return; AND WHEREAS an Amber Alert makes the Public aware to keep an eye out for the child, vulnerable person, suspect and the vehicle described, in the alert. If they spot them, try to gather as many details as they can, including the specific location where they saw them, the time, the direction they were travelling in and any other identifying details that will help to locate them; AND WHEREAS an Amber Alert gives citizens instructions to call 9-1-1 or the phone number included in the alert immediately if they have a trip or a sighting related to an Amber Alert;

An Amber Alert will only be activated if:

The police have confirmed that an abduction has taken place; and
There is reason to believe the victim is in danger of serious physical injury, and there is information available that, if broadcast to the public, could assist in the safe recovery of the victim.

AND WHEREAS it is essential to remember that an Amber Alert is not always appropriate in every circumstance and that their continued effectiveness depends on ensuring that they are only used in cases that meet the above criteria; AND WHEREAS the recent tragic death of 11-year-old Draven Graham showed that the Amber Alert system is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted; AND WHEREAS at the time this motion was written, there have been almost 90,000 citizens who had signed a petition on Change.Org requesting that a Draven Alert be created; AND WHEREAS it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement to send out an alert for vulnerable children who go missing under circumstances that do not involve an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death; THEREFORE be it resolved that the Township of Bonfield and its Council endorse the following:

1. That the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert system and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.

2. That this motion be sent to all municipalities across Ontario and the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement.

Carried Randall McLaren

#### DIVISION VOTE

FOR

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

Declared interest, abstained from discussion, and did not vote on the question.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No. 4 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.

Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Via Email justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca karina.gould@parl.gc.ca

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON L1A 0A2

The Honourable Karina Gould, P.C., M.P. Minister of Families, Children and Social Development House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Gould,

# RE: Township of Perry – Support Town of Aurora Council Resolution "Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law"

Please be advised that at their last regular meeting of Council on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry supported the following resolution:

# "Resolution #2022-286 Moved By: Margaret Ann MacPhail Seconded By: Joe Lumley

**Be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the Town of Aurora's Resolution, Motion 10.1, dated May 24, 2022 re: Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law";

**And further that** Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution of support to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Karina Gould, MP, Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development; The Honourable Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the

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*Conservative Party of Canada; Yves-Francois Blanchet, MP, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois; Jagmeet Singh, MP, Leader of the New Democratic Party; MP Tony Van Bynen; MP Leah Taylor Roy; MP Scott Aitchison; Town Clerk Michael de Rond, Town of Aurora, and all Ontario municipalities.* 

# Carried."

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Beth Morton Clerk-Administrator

cc: Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada Yves-Francois Blanchet, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party MP Tony Van Bynen MP Leah Taylor Roy MP Scott Aitchison Michael de Rond, Clerk, Town of Aurora All Ontario Municipalities

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July 19, 2022

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

The Honourable Karina Gould, P.C., M.P. Minister of Families, Children and Social Development House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Delivered by email justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca karina.gould@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Gould:

Re: Township of Amaranth Council resolution #3 RE: Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law"

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its regular meeting on July 6, 2022, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

#### BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth Town Council hereby supports the Town of Aurora's resolution, Motion 10.1, dated May 24, 2022 re: Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law" and calls upon the House of Commons to support Member of Parliament Anju Dhillon's Private Member's Bill C-233, that will raise the level of education on domestic violence and coercive control for federally appointed Judges; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to: The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Karina Gould, MP, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development; The Honourable Candice Bergen, Interim Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada; Yves-Francois Blanchet, MP, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois; Jagmeet Singh, MP, Leader of the New Democratic Party; MP Kyle Seeback; and MPP Sylvia Jones Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all Ontario municipalities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Province of Ontario and Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A. CAO/Clerk- Acting Treasurer

#### COUNTY OF RENFREW TREASURER'S REPORT - Community Services Committee June 2022

	June 2022			
			over / (under)	
	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	VARIANCE	<u>FULL YEAR</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
ONTARIO WORKS	510,495	588,369	(77,874)	1,338,041
Depreciation	4,665	6,000	(1,335)	12,000
' Homelessness	5,043	5,000	43	5,000
Municipal Contribution - City of Pembroke	(164,613)	(192,222)	27,609	(437,070)
Ontario Works Program Administration	1,887,799	2,082,379	(194,580)	4,149,611
Other Revenue	(5,043)	(5,000)	(43)	(5,000)
Provincial Subsidy - Ontario Works Program Admin	(1,222,648)	(1,317,790)	95,142	(2,406,500)
Provincial Subsidy - Social Assistance - Benefits	(5,202,789)	(6,309,990)	1,107,201	(12,620,000)
Social Assistance - Benefits	5,212,747	6,325,992	(1,113,245)	12,652,000
Surplus Adjustment - Depreciation	(4,665)	(6,000)	1,335	(12,000)
Surplus Adjustment - TRF From Reserve	0	0	0	0
CHILD CARE	<u>243,575</u>	<u>263,333</u>	<u>(19,758)</u>	<u>526,437</u>
Administration	170,028	167,051	2,977	331,105
Early Years	812,148	825,077	(12,929)	1,650,145
Early Years Subsidy	(812,148)	(825,077)	12,929	(1,650,145)
CWELCC	12,386	0	12,386	0
Fee Subsidy	1,069,532	1,624,998	(555,466)	3,250,000
General Operating	859,481	1,177,332	(317,851)	2,354,660
Licenced Family Home Day Care	137,734	181,461	(43,727)	362,916
Licenced Family Home Day Care - Recoveries	(137,734)	(181,461)	43,727	(362,916)
Municipal Contribution - City of Pembroke	(26,677)	(29,551)	2,874	(59,078)
OW Child Care	600	38,502	(37,902)	77,000
Pay Equity	61,478	61,476	2	122,957
Provincial Subsidy	(3,420,883)	(4,487,006)	1,066,123	(8,971,239)
Provincial Subsidy One Time	(62,984)	0	(62,984)	0
Special Needs Resourcing Special Purpose	458,224 1,122,390	519,597 1,190,934	(61,373) (68,544)	1,039,174 2,381,858
COMMUNITY HOUSING	2,530,223	<u>2,515,763</u>	<u>14,460</u>	<u>5,035,116</u>
Admin Charges	102,923	102,924	(1)	205,847
Affordable Housing - Tax Rebate	3,591	4,000	(409)	12,000
COVID	219,323	0	219,323	0
HR Charges	37,448	37,446	2	74,895
IT Charges	16,592	16,590	2	33,183
	102	0	102	0
Municipal Contribution - City of Pembroke	(283,950)	(291,121)	7,171	(582,657)
Non Profit Housing	645,715	649,998	(4,283)	1,300,000
	299 (FEA 204)	498	(199)	1,000
PROV (FED) SUBSIDY -SOCIAL HOUSING	(554,204)	(554,206)	2	(1,108,410)
	(487,873)	(723,804) (34,002)	235,931	(1,447,608)
	(123,940) (1,014,842)	,	(89,938) (707,018)	(68,000)
PROV REV - OPHI		(307,824)	(707,018)	(615,650)
PROV REV - SRF-COVID	(955)	0 0	(955)	0
	(737,088)		(737,088)	(140.096)
PROV REV - STRONG COMMUNITY RENT SUP	(35,021)	(70,044)	35,023	(140,086)
RCHC TRANSFER - BASE RCHC TRANSFER - CHPI	2,548,629	2,548,632	(3)	5,332,258
RCHC TRANSFER - CHPI RCHC TRANSFER - IAH	487,873 123,940	723,804 34,002	(235,931) 89,938	1,447,608 68,000
RCHC TRANSFER - IAH RCHC TRANSFER - OPHI	1,014,842	307,824	707,018	615,650
RCHC TRANSFER - OPHI RCHC TRANSFER - COVID	518,720	307,824 0	518,720	015,050
RCHC TRANSFER - COVID RCHC TRANSFER - STRONG COMMUNITY RENT SUPP	35,021	70,044	(35,023)	140,086
Recoveries - Outside	0	70,044 0	(35,023)	(235,000)
Surplus Adjustment - Capital	11,847	0	11,847	(235,000)
Surplus Adjustment - Capital Surplus Adjustment - TRF from Reserves	0	0	0	0
Surplus Adjustment - TRF from Reserves Surplus Adjustment - TRF To Reserves	0	0	0	0
Travel	1,232	1,002	230	2,000
	1,202	1,002	200	2,000
Total Community Services	3,284,294	3,367,465	(83,171)	6,899,594

# **ONTARIO WORKS REPORT**

# Prepared by: Andrea Patrick, Manager of Ontario Works Prepared for: Community Services Committee August 10, 2022

# INFORMATION

# 1. Ontario Works Caseload Statistics [Strategic Plan Goal #1 (b)]

Month	2022 Total Caseload	2021 Total Caseload
January	1,052	1,062
February	1,083	1,052
March	1,118	1,076
April	1,127	1,048
May	1,147	1,037
June	1,143	1,014
July		1,002
August		985
September		946
October		974
November		977
December		1,017

# 2. Community Consultation Meeting [Strategic Plan Goal #3 (b)]

A Community Consultation meeting was hosted by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) on June 22, 2022, at Ma-Te-Way Park Hall in Renfrew with several agencies from across Renfrew County in attendance. Some of the local agencies included were Ontario Works, Community Mental Health (mobile crisis team), Renfrew County Paramedics, Renfrew Fire Department, Family and Children's Services, Renfrew County and District School Board, Ontrac Employment Services, Bernadette McCann House, and Seniors Support Services.

The Renfrew Police Services Board, along with the Renfrew OPP, have been successful in obtaining a Community Safety in Policing Grant of just over \$1 million over the next three years. This funding is to be used to create and operate a Renfrew and Area Connection Centre to support residents and service providers. The meeting was spent discussing ideas of what a community connection centre or hub could offer its residents. Some of the examples provided included the following:

- Meeting and training space for community partners
- Discrete meeting place for clients/agencies
- Resource hub
- Drop-in space for service providers and clients

The location has been finalized and it will be at the Renfrew Town Hall. The staffing complement will include one uniformed officer, one non-uniformed officer, as well as administrative personnel.

The second part of the meeting was to discuss the implementation and relaunching of a Renfrew County Risk Watch Table (formerly known as the 'Situation Table'). This is a group of community partners from multiple different agencies across Renfrew County meeting on a bi-weekly basis to discuss cases that are at an acute elevated risk of harm to themselves or others and to develop intervention/support strategies. One concern identified by stakeholders in attendance was around consent and confidentiality. The OPP indicated that they would deliver a training session to support partners in understanding the legislation around privacy and how to identify when safety of the individual or community supersedes the right to confidentiality.

# 3. Youth Wellness Hub Open House [Strategic Plan Goal #3 (b)]

On June 23, 2022 the Renfrew County Youth Wellness Hub (YWHO) hosted an open house for service partners and residents to tour their facility at 278 Nelson Street, Pembroke. Several staff from our Community Services office were in attendance to meet the YWHO team and to learn about the services which will be offered to youth in our area. The hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and they have opened their centre with a soft launch of youth engagement programs and activities for the summer months. Plans are underway to finalize a space for the Renfrew YWHO location and have it operational by January 2023.

# CHILD CARE AND EARLY YEARS REPORT

# Prepared by: Margo Smith, Manager of Child Care and Early Years Division Prepared for: Community Services Committee August 10, 2022

## INFORMATION

# 1. Inclusion Services Statistics [Strategic Plan Goal # 1 (a)]

The following chart indicates Inclusion Services monthly statistics from January to June 2022.

Month	Children Served
January	173
February	174
March	176
April	177
May	178
June	175

# 2. Licensed Home Child Care Statistics [Strategic Plan Goal # 1 (a)]

The following chart indicates the County of Renfrew Licensed Home Child Care program monthly statistics from January to June 2022.

Month	Children Served	Open Homes	Children on Waitlist
January	15	3	88
February	19	4	94
March	20	4	98
April	23	4	77
May	24	5	91
June	25	5	95

# 3. Licensed Child Care Statistics [Strategic Plan Goal # 1 (a)]

Month	Licensed Capacity	Operating Capacity	Children Served	Children Served, Receiving Fee Subsidy
January	2138	1255	1146	316
February	2138	1352	1107	317
March	2138	1380	1185	315
April	2139	1402	1202	311
May	2139	1398	1232	309
June	2139	1409	1242	327

The following chart indicates monthly statistics for licensed child care in Renfrew County from January to June 2022.

# **BY-LAWS**

# 4. Amendment to By-law 50-17- County of Renfrew New Licensed Home Agreement [Strategic Plan Goal # 3 (b)]

**Recommendation**: THAT the Community Services Committee recommends to County Council that By-law No. 50-17 authorizing the County of Renfrew to enter into an agreement with Licensed Home Child Care service providers, be amended to enter into an agreement with Jessica Walker (located in Haley Station).

# **Background:**

Since 2018, the County of Renfrew has been licensed by the Ministry of Education to operate a Licensed Home Child Care Agency. Currently, there are five homes operating with 24 full-time children. One home resides in Arnprior, three homes are in Pembroke, and the fifth home is in Eganville.

Attached as Appendix CC-I is the By-law to amend By-law 50-17 authorizing the County of Renfrew to enter into an agreement with Licensed Home Child Care providers, as well as the Funding Agreement with Jessica Walker.

#### **COUNTY OF RENFREW**

#### **BY-LAW NUMBER**

#### A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 50-17 - TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF RENFREW TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LICENSED HOME CHILD CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS

WHEREAS on April 26, 2017, the Corporation of the County of Renfrew enacted By-law No. 50-17, being a By-law to authorize the County of Renfrew to enter into an agreement with Licensed Home Child Care service providers, as amended on August 30, 2017, February 28, 2018, May 30, 2018, September 26, 2018, February 27, 2019, March 27, 2019, August 25, 2021, November 24, 2021, May 25, 2022, and June 29, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager for Social Service Programs and responsible for child care services in the County of Renfrew;

AND WHEREAS the County of Renfrew has been approved by the Ministry of Education to operate a Licensed Home Child Care Agency within the Child Care and Early Years Division;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend By-law NO. 50-17 to include an additional licensed home child care provider;

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 agreement with Jessica Walker for the provision of child care in their home and that By-law 50-17 is hereby amended.
- 4. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first time this 31st day of August 2022.

READ a second time this 31st day of August 2022.

READ a third time and finally passed this 31st day of August 2022.

DEBBIE ROBINSON, WARDEN

PAUL V. MOREAU, CLERK

# FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR LICENSED CHILD CARE

#### **BETWEEN:**

# County of Renfrew Child Care Agency (the "Agency")

-and-

## Jessica Walker (the "Provider")

WHEREAS the Agency has been licensed by the Province of Ontario as a Home Child Care Agency under the *Child Care and Early Years Act*, 2014 (the "*Act*"), and is in a position to provide funding to the Provider;

AND WHEREAS the Provider is a child care provider as defined in the *Act* and has agreed to provide home child care as defined in the *Act*;

#### THEREFORE THE PARTIES agree as follows:

#### 1. Definition

In this Agreement, unless there is something in the subject matter or context inconsistent therewith, the terms and expressions used in this Agreement that are defined terms and expressions under the *Act* or Regulations made under the *Act*, shall have the same meaning as in the *Act* or the Regulations.

#### **Other Definitions**

"Agency Staff" means the staff of the Agency authorized to exercise the rights and perform the duties of the Agency under this Agreement.

"Agreement" means this Agreement, as may be amended from time to time.

"Home" means the premises at which the Provider is providing home child care services.

#### 2. Status

The Agency and the Provider confirm that this is a funding agreement and they specifically deny any intention or agreement to be or to become agents, one for the other, or to create a partnership or other relationship whereby either would be held liable for any tortious, negligent, contractual or other acts, either of omission or commission, of the other party. Neither party shall have any authority to act for or to

assume or to incur any obligations or responsibilities on behalf of the other party unless specifically provided for in this Agreement. The parties specifically agree that this Agreement does not create an employer/employee relationship between the Agency and the Provider.

#### 3. Term

- a) Unless otherwise provided herein, this Agreement shall remain in force from August 31, 2022, until it is superseded or replaced by a subsequent agreement in writing between the parties, or unless terminated in its entirety by either party by giving to the other party thirty (30) days advance written notice of such termination. In the event that this Agreement is terminated by either party, the Provider will refund forthwith to the Agency all monies advanced to it by the Agency which have not been expended by the Provider in accordance with this Agreement.
- b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement the Agency may immediately terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, with respect to the provision of any particular service where the Agency, in its sole and unfettered discretion, determines that the health, welfare or safety of any child is at risk.

#### 4. Program

- a) The Provider agrees to provide quality home child care services in accordance with relevant provincial legislation, the polices, guidelines and requirements of Canada, Ontario and the Agency's Child Care Policies and Procedures as amended from time to time, including, but not limited to the child care policies specific to the operation of the licensed Home. The Provider acknowledges that it has received and reviewed the Agency's Child Care Policies and Procedures.
- b) The Provider is not to provide care for more than six (6) children at any one time.
- c) The Provider shall not make private child care arrangements with families placed by the Agency. Should the Provider make such arrangements, the Agency shall be entitled to immediately terminate this Agreement.
- d) The Provider shall immediately provide written notification to the Agency that there is a risk of a temporary closure of the Home in order that the Agency be able to make alternate care arrangements for the children. The Provider shall immediately contact all parents/caregivers and the Agency in the event that the home will not be operating on any particular day or at any particular time during which it would ordinarily be operating.
- e) The Provider understands that if the Home is closed and therefore not operating on any particular day or at any particular time, there will be no funding from the

Agency. Likewise, if the Home is open but there are no children approved for placement in the Home, there shall be no funding provided by the Agency.

- f) The Provider shall participate in all training workshops recommended by the Agency.
- g) The Provider agrees to complete a First Aid course, as recommended by the Agency, within sixty days of the signing of this Agreement. The Provider further agrees to deliver to the Agency, immediately upon it becoming available, a certificate demonstrating completion of the First Aid course.
- h) The Provider shall create an inclusive child care setting which can accommodate children with special needs.
- i) The Provider shall return to the Agency all property, goods, acquisitions, and signage supplied by the Agency within 30 days of termination of this Agreement.
- j) In the event that the Provider ceases operations, it shall not dispose of any records related to the services provided for under this Agreement and shall immediately deliver those records to the Agency or, alternatively, immediately provide copies of those records to the Agency.

#### 5. Payment

The Agency shall pay to the Provider, one month in arrears, for each approved child receiving child care services at the Home, an amount equal to the approved hourly rate multiplied the agreed upon hours, all as contained in the individual Resource Funding Agreement for each child.

#### 6. Agency Access, Consultation and Recommendations

- a) In order to allow the Agency staff (as designated by the Agency) to observe and evaluate the services and inspect all records relating to the services provided pursuant to this Agreement, the Provider shall permit Agency Staff, during regular business hours of the Provider or at such other times as the Agency, in its sole discretion, may deem to be reasonable in the circumstances, to enter any premises used by the Provider in connection with the provision of the services pursuant to this Agreement;
- b) In order to allow the Agency to carry out such oversight of the provision of care to children at the Home, as may be deemed necessary by the Agency and, or the Province of Ontario, the Provider shall permit Agency Staff, during regular business hours of the Provider or at such other times as the Agency, in its sole discretion, may deem to be reasonable in the circumstances, to enter any premises used by the Provider;

- c) The Provider shall make available to the Agency all relevant financial records including but not limited to child attendance sheets or other reports Agency within 10 business days of such request made by the Agency. The Provider shall also allow the Agency to copy those records on site, or alternatively, allow for the removal of the aforementioned records by the Agency for the purpose of copying such records; and
- d) Once the Agency has obtained access to and has reviewed the aforementioned records, and has consulted with the Provider, all as described above, the Agency may make recommendations to the Provider with respect to any matters related to this Agreement, including proper accounting and oversight methods and procedures or any other matter that the Agency deems necessary. The Provider agrees to immediately implement and to abide by any such recommendations made by the Agency and to provide to the Agency such proof of implementation and compliance as may be required by the Agency.

#### 7. Reports

The Provider shall prepare and submit to the Agency, within 5 days following the end of each calendar month in a year, a Monthly Expense/Statistical Report in the form and content of the template attached hereto as Schedule "A" reflecting actual monthly costs for the previous month. In addition to the foregoing the Provider shall:

- a) complete and maintain daily attendance records of staff and children which the Agency may inspect and audit from time to time as it sees fit as well as records of expenses incurred where funding is being provided by the County in connection with any particular child; and
- b) prepare and submit to the Agency, at any time upon request by the Agency, a comprehensive report, in a form and substance acceptable to the Agency, respecting the services being provided by the Provider, which services may include, services delivered in the preceding year.

#### 8. Financial Reports

- a) The Agency may, at any time, request information from the Provider in connection with attendance and expense records and the Provider shall immediately provide that information and materials to the Agency.
- b) The Provider shall adhere to any additional financial reporting requirements in accordance with relevant provincial legislation, the polices, guidelines and requirements of Canada, Ontario and the Agency's Child Care Policies and Procedures as amended from time to time. The Provider acknowledges that it has received and reviewed the Agency's Child Care Policies and Procedures.

- c) The Provider shall prepare and submit annually, or at any time upon reasonable request, a financial report in such form and containing such information as the Agency may require.
- d) The Provider shall comply with the Agency's policies on the treatment of revenues and expenditures. The Provider acknowledges that it has received and reviewed these policies on the treatment of revenues and expenditures.

## 9. Confidentiality

The Provider will hold confidential and will not disclose or release to anyone, including any person, partnership, corporation or other entity, other than the Agency, at any time during or following the term of this Agreement, except where required by law, any information or document that tends to identify any individual in receipt of services without first obtaining the written consent of the individual or the individual's parent or guardian prior to the release or disclosure of such information or document.

#### 10. Indemnification

The Provider will, both during and following the term of this Agreement, indemnify and save harmless the Agency, its officers, directors, employees, agents, servants and volunteers from all costs, losses, damages, judgments, claims, demands, suits, actions, complaints or other proceedings in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to anything done or omitted to be done by the Provider, its directors, officers, employees, agents, servants or volunteers in connection with services provided, purported to be provided or required to be provided by the Provider pursuant to this Agreement.

#### 11. Insurance

- a) The Provider will obtain and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement, general liability insurance acceptable to the Agency in an amount not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence in respect of the services provided pursuant to this Agreement.
- b) The general liability insurance policy shall:
  - i. include the Agency as an additional insured;
  - ii. contain a cross-liability clause endorsement;
  - iii. contain a clause including liability arising out of the Agreement; and
  - iv. contain a provision that the Agency is to be notified by the insurer should the Provider fail to make the required premium payments and that the

policy shall not be terminated by the insurer until such notice has been provided to the Agency and the Agency has been afforded a reasonable time to arrange for the payment of the premiums.

c) The Provider shall provide to the Agency on or before January 31 of any calendar year proof that the above-noted insurance is in place and, in addition to this, shall, upon request of the Agency at any time, provide such proof of insurance to the Agency.

#### 12. Freedom of Information

Any information collected by the Agency pursuant to this Agreement is subject to the rights and safeguards provided for in the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

#### 13. Human Rights Code

It is a condition of this Agreement, and of every Agreement entered into pursuant to the performance of this Agreement, that no right under s. 5 of *Ontario Human Rights Code*, as amended, will be infringed. Breach of this condition is sufficient grounds for immediate cancellation of this Agreement with no further notice required.

#### 14. Severability

If any provision or portion of any provision in this Agreement shall be held by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, invalid or illegal, such provision or such portion of the provision shall be severable and the remaining provisions or portions shall remain valid and binding.

#### 15. Governing Law

- a) This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws in force in the Province of Ontario.
- b) The parties agree that any legal proceedings in connection with any matter arising from or related to this Agreement shall be commenced in the Province of Ontario.

#### 16. Laws

The Provider shall at all times comply with any and all applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws, by-laws, ordinances, statutes, rules, regulations and orders and policies and procedures in respect of the performance of this Agreement.

#### 17. Notice

Any notice required or desired to be given hereunder shall be delivered in person or sent by prepaid registered mail addressed as follows:

a)	То:	County of Renfrew, Child Care and Early Years Division 7 International Drive Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5 Attn: Manager, Child Care and Early Years Division
	Copy to:	County of Renfrew 7 International Drive Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5 Attn: Director, Community Services
b)	То:	Jessica Walker 697 Calvin Road Haley Station, ON KOJ 1Y0

or at such other address as may be furnished in writing from time to time by either party to the other. Any notice sent by registered mail shall be effective when received by the addressee.

#### **18.** Entire Agreement

The Provider and the Agency acknowledge that there are no covenants, representations, warranties, agreements or conditions expressed or implied, collateral or otherwise forming part of or in any way affecting or relating to this Agreement except as expressly set out in this Agreement and the Schedules annexed hereto and that this Agreement and the Schedules constitute the entire agreement between the Provider and the Agency.

#### 19. Non-Waiver

No condoning, excusing or overlooking by the Agency of any default, breach or nonobservance by the Provider at any time or times in respect of any covenant, proviso or condition contained in this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of the Agencies rights hereunder in respect of any continuing or subsequent default, breach or nonobservance, or so as to defeat or effect in any way the rights of the Agency. No waiver shall be inferred from or implied by anything done or omitted to be done by the Agency save only by way of express waiver in writing.

#### 20. Successors

This Agreement shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective heirs, executors, administrators, permitted successors and assigns of the Provider.

#### 21. Amendments

This Agreement can only be amended by written agreement signed by both parties.

For the convenience of the parties, this Agreement may be executed in counterpart and acceptance of this Agreement may be delivered electronically or by facsimile.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** this Agreement has been signed by an authorized County of Renfrew official on behalf of the Agency and on behalf of the Provider by its proper signing officers.

## SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED:

On the	day of	, 2022
	ο	n Behalf of the County of Renfrew:
Witness - Coun	ity of Renfrew	Debbie Robinson, Warden County of Renfrew
Witness - Coun		Paul V. Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk County of Renfrew n Behalf of Jessica Walker, Provider:
Witness Signat	ure	Signature
		**(Name and Position)
Witness Signat	ure	Signature
		**(Name and Position)

- \* Witness required where the Provider is a sole proprietor or partner in a partnership. Not required when corporate seal is affixed.
- \*\* I have the authority to bind the corporation.