


Hamilton

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	August 15, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	School-Based Child Care Capital Projects (HSC19049) (Wards 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 and 15)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 and 15
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COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not Applicable

INFORMATION

Over the past few years, the City of Hamilton has worked closely with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) and Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board (HWCDSD) to identify school-based child care capital priorities and opportunities for the expansion of licensed child care. These priorities have been submitted to the Ministry of Education in response to various capital call-outs. Since November 2016, the school boards have received confirmation that 22 projects were approved to move forward. To-date, 169 new licensed child care spaces have been created in schools as a result.

On April 26, 2019, the City received Memo 2019: EYCC3 from the Ministry of Education regarding previously approved school-based child care capital projects. This memo indicated that the ministry would provide dedicated multi-year operating funding upon

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opening for the 9 school-based child care capital projects that have been previously-approved by the ministry that met the following criteria:

- have received an Approval to Proceed¹ (ATP) to tender from the Ministry; or
- are in a new school and do not have an ATP; or
- are part of a major school addition/renovation project and do not have an ATP

The memo also indicated that for all school-based child care capital projects that do not meet the above criteria, the municipality and school board must jointly agree that the project will proceed. In order for a project to proceed, the municipality must confirm by August 30, 2019 that the operating funds required to support these new child care spaces will be managed within the municipality's existing budget, as no new provincial funding will be provided. In Hamilton, there are 9 proposed projects, representing 445 licensed child care spaces that require joint confirmation from the City, HWDSB and HWCDSB.

It is estimated that it would cost the City of Hamilton approximately \$3 M annually to support the 445 new licensed child care spaces. Given the current fiscal environment and anticipated funding reductions in 2020, City staff have taken the approach that new school-based child care capital projects can only be supported if they are cost-neutral to the City. Therefore, only those projects where an existing community-based child care centre can be relocated will be supported.

Below is the list of the proposed school-based child care capital projects and the current status.

School Name	Address	Proceeding (Y/N)	Rationale
Holy Name of Mary	161 Meadowlands Blvd, Ancaster	No	No options to relocate an existing child care centre in this community
St. Augustine	25 Alma Street, Dundas	Yes	Existing community-based child care centre will be relocated to this school
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	22 Queensbury Drive, Hamilton	No	No options to relocate an existing child care centre in this community
St. Thomas the Apostle	170 Skinner Road, Waterdown	Yes	Existing community-based child care centre will be relocated to this school
Bellmoore	25 Pumpkin Pass, Binbrook	Yes	Existing community-based child care centre will be relocated to this school

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Bennetto	47 Simcoe Street East, Hamilton	Yes	Existing community-based child care centre will be relocated to this school
Dr. J. Edgar Davey	99 Ferguson Avenue North, Hamilton	Yes	Existing community-based child care centre will be relocated to this school
Helen Detwiler	320 Brigade Drive Hamilton	No	No options to relocate an existing child care centre in this community
Huntington Park	80 Kingslea Drive, Hamilton	No	No options to relocate an existing child care centre in this community

In total, 5 projects (259 spaces) have been confirmed to proceed and 4 projects (186 spaces) will not proceed. With this approach, there will be no financial impacts on the 2020 budget. The total capital investment for the projects that are confirmed to proceed is \$5.91 M. The loss of capital dollars as a result of projects that are not proceeding is \$5.66 M. This capital funding flows directly to the school boards.

City staff are working closely with both school boards and licensed child care operators to communicate these decisions to families.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable