

Executive Committee – Item 26.48

Considered by City Council on December 1, 2 and 3, 2008

EX26.48	Adopted			Ward: All
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Additional Funding for Child Care and Ongoing Funding Reserves

City Council Decision

City Council on December 1, 2 and 3, 2008, adopted the following motion:

1. City Council approve an amendment to the Children's Services 2008 Approved Operating Budget to include an additional \$6.002 million in revenues received as Toronto's share of a provincial \$25 million child care investment for additional fee subsidies and French-language child care spaces; and these revenues be offset by a reduction in the 2008 budgeted withdrawal from the Child Care Expansion Reserve Fund (CCERF) of \$6.002 million.

Committee Recommendations

The Executive Committee recommends that:

1. City Council approve an amendment to the Children's Services 2008 Approved Operating Budget to include an additional \$6.002 million in revenues received as Toronto's share of a provincial \$25 million child care investment for additional fee subsidies and French-language child care spaces; and these revenues be offset by a reduction in the 2008 budgeted withdrawal from the Child Care Expansion Reserve Fund (CCERF) of \$6.002 million.

Origin

(October 24, 2008) Report from the Budget Committee

Summary

This report seeks approval to amend the Children's Services 2008 Approved Operating Budget to reflect additional Best Start funding. Details of additional funding were provided by Minister Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), in a letter to Mayor Miller dated July 25, 2008 and announced publicly on July 9, 2008. This announcement includes an allocation of \$6.002 M for additional fee subsidies and French-language child care funding.

The report also reports on the funding issues facing the child care system as directed by Council.

Background Information (Committee)

Additional Funding for Child Care and Ongoing Funding Pressures

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-16694.pdf>

Declared Interests (Committee)

The following member(s) declared an interest:

Councillor Howard Moscoe - Councillor Moscoe declared a interest in this matter in that his daughter is employed by Children's Services.

Declared Interests (City Council)

The following member(s) declared an interest:

Councillor Howard Moscoe - in that his daughter is a part-time child care worker employed by the City of Toronto.