

Clause embodied in Report No. 5 of the Policy and Finance Committee, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on June 24, 25 and 26, 2003.

**25****Child Care Capital Reserve Fund Approval for  
the Plains Road Child Care  
(Ward 31 - Beaches-East York)**

*(City Council on June 24, 25 and 26, 2003, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)*

**The Policy and Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation of the Community Services Committee embodied in the following communication (June 9, 2003) from the City Clerk:**

Recommendation:

The Community Services Committee on June 9, 2003, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the attached report dated June 5, 2003, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting Child Care Capital Reserve Fund approval for Plains Road Child Care.

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(Report dated June 5, 2002, addressed to the  
Community Services Committee, from the  
Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services)

Purpose:

This report seeks approval to spend funds from the Child Care Capital Reserve in accordance with the City's Child Care Service Plan to secure exclusive space in Canadian Martyrs Catholic School for Plains Road Child Care and expand the ages of children served in the child care.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

This report proposes an allocation from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund of \$750,000.00 to support the expansion of Plains Road Child Care, a program housed in Canadian Martyrs Catholic School, to serve infants and increase the toddler capacity. The Child Care Capital Reserve Fund has sufficient resources to support the recommendations contained within this report.

Approval of this report will result in an increase of \$750,000.00 in the Children's Services 2003 budget with a matching amount in the revenue budget, but it will not affect the net operating budget.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and concurs with the information provided.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to negotiate with the Toronto Catholic District School Board and provide funding of up to \$750,000.00 from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund to support the renovation costs of exclusive use space for Plains Road Child Care subject to meeting the requirements of the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund;
- (2) authority be granted to adjust the Children's Services 2003 operating budget by adding \$750,000.00 to the gross budget and an offsetting \$750,000.00 to the revenue budget; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

The Child Care Capital Reserve Fund was first established by the former Metropolitan Council in 1997 and amended in 1998 to assist child care centres in school facilities facing capital costs as a result of relocations resulting from increased school enrolment. Toronto Council later amended the criteria governing the use of this Reserve at its meeting of June 26, 27, 28, 2001, to support the growth of child care in accordance with the Child Care Service Plan.

Comments:

This report outlines the request of Plains Road Child Care Centre for assistance in meeting their renovation or construction costs. Plains Road Child Care is located in Canadian Martyrs Catholic School. The child care centre has been required to relocate portions of its programs to shared space as a result of increasing school enrolment and continues to face uncertainty concerning tenure. The TCDSB has begun an addition to Canadian Martyrs Catholic School to address school enrolment pressures and the school expansion creates an opportunity to address the space needs of the Plains Road Child Care. City and Board officials have reviewed the idea to include additional dedicated space to child care in the school renovation and addition. This provides an opportunity to secure tenure for the child care and to expand the Plains Road Child Care Centre to serve infants. TCDSB officials are currently in the approval process with the Toronto Catholic District School Board. This report seeks City approval of up to \$750,000.00 from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund for the capital costs associated with the renovations and construction of Plains Road Child Care, subject to securing appropriate space and security of tenure.

Conclusion:

This report requests authority to provide a capital grant of \$750,000.00 from the Child Care Capital Reserve to support the renovation and construction of exclusive space for Plains Road Child Care Centre.

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