

Payment of 1999 Former City of Toronto Daycare Grants

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Community Services Committee recommends the adoption of the following report (October 15, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Purpose:

This report recommends the levels of payment for eligible non-profit child care centres in the former City of Toronto from the former City of Toronto Daycare Grants.

Funding Sources, Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

The payments recommended in this report can be financed from funds approved for this purpose in the 1999 Children's Services Division budget.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the 67 non-profit child care programs from the former City of Toronto which continue to qualify under the original criteria of the former City of Toronto Daycare Grant program immediately receive their grants in the amounts specified in Appendix I of this report, the total payments from the grant fund not to exceed \$428,000.00; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Council Reference/Background/History:

The former City of Toronto introduced its Daycare Grant program in 1983 to provide stability to the non-profit child care sector, to address the low salaries of child care staff and to address child care affordability issues faced by families. Under the original criteria established by the former City of Toronto Council, grants were provided to non-profit centres whose maximum average non-supervisory salary was \$32,500.00. This benchmark was established through comparison with the salaries paid to staff in the child care programs directly operated by the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto. This grant program was not duplicated in other former area municipalities. Even after amalgamation, this grant program was not extended to include child care centres outside of the former City of Toronto.

In 1998, Council directed staff to approve grants to all former recipients at their 1997 level despite the fact that some would no longer have been eligible to receive this level of funding support according to the grant criteria. One time continued payment at the 1997 grant level was

made in recognition of the limited notice period that was provided to operators that their grant eligibility had changed.

As part of the 1999 budget approval process, Council reduced the former City of Toronto Daycare Grant fund by \$221,000.00 in 1999, and by a further \$221,000.00 in 2000.

Comments and/or Discussion and/or Justification:

For 1999, a total of 95 applications for the former City of Toronto Daycare Grants were received from non-profit programs in the former City of Toronto and reviewed for eligibility under the original grant criteria. As shown in Appendix I of this report, 45 of these centres remain eligible for the same level of grant as they received in 1998, 22 centres have been assessed as eligible for a reduced level of grants, and 28 centres have been found to be no longer eligible according to the original grant criteria. In general, the changes in eligibility may be explained by the positive impact the retroactive pay equity adjustments approved by the Province and cost-shared by the City have had. In many cases these adjustments moved the average salary above the grant ceiling.

The Department recognizes the need to review the future of the former City of Toronto Daycare Grants program within the context of the overall financial support given to child care programs both through wage subsidy and fee subsidy payments and to ensure equitable use of the total public funds available. Because changes in the allocations of wage subsidy funds are not permissible under the Provincial guidelines governing the management of downloaded programs during this first full year of municipal responsibility, rationalization of funding is not possible until the year 2000. The planned development of the City's new child care service plan will address the issue of streamlining and harmonizing the funding available to child care programs and will ensure full community consultation as part of the process.

Conclusion:

The Department recommends that Daycare grants be paid immediately to 67 eligible non-profit child care centres in the former City of Toronto in the amounts specified in Appendix I of this report and that the total amount of grant money approved not exceed \$428,000.00.

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Appendix I

| Loc ID | Centre | Months of Operation | Average Salary | Staff Needed to Meet DNA Ratios | 1998 City Grant Paid | 1999 Recommended City Grant |
|--------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10259 | Allenby Daycare | 12 | 28,583 | 8 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| 10189 | Ascot Ave Community Day Care | 12 | 34,091 | 6 | 2,500 | 0 |
| 10184 | Balmy Beach Community Day Care Centre | 12 | 33,959 | 5 | 2,500 | 0 |
| 10283 | Bonaventure Child Care Centre | 12 | 26,489 | 12 | 18,000 | 0 |
| 10164 | Boulton Ave Child Care | 12 | 35,721 | 6 | 9,000 | 0 |

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|--------|--|---------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10246 | Bowmore Rd Community Day Care Centre | 12 | 33,635 | 4 | 6,000 | 0 |
| 10104 | Brock Day Care Centre | 12 | 28,714 | 8 | 10,500 | 10,500 |
| 10292 | Cabbagetown Creche Child Care Centre | 12 | 32,762 | 9 | 13,981 | 0 |
| 10209 | Carmelite Day Nursery (Toronto) | 12 | 28,305 | 21 | 31,500 | 31,500 |
| 10109 | Catholic Settlement House Day Nursery | 12 | 31,111 | 9 | 13,500 | 4,500 |
| 10505 | Central Neighbourhood House | 12 | 31,606 | 11 | 15,000 | 5,500 |
| 10110 | Centro Clinton Daycare | 12 | 32,428 | 8 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| 10506 | Children's Circle of St. Barnabus | 12 | 31,345 | 13 | 8,372 | 6,500 |
| 10535 | Childspace 1 | 12 | 28,328 | 8 | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| 10235 | Childspace 2 | 12 | 27,435 | 5 | 3,800 | 3,800 |
| 10167 | Christian Community Centre Day Care | 12 | 22,433 | 9 | 13,500 | 13,500 |
| 10507 | Church Street Day Care Services | 12 | 28,895 | 4 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| 10262 | Church of the Messiah | 12 | 29,038 | 4 | 6,000 | 4,940 |
| 10263 | College Street Tots | 12 | 24,593 | 7 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| 10207 | Dandylion Childcare Centre | 12 | 31,003 | 6 | 3,948 | 3,000 |
| 10533 | Earl Haig Community Day Care Centre | 12 | 29,435 | 18 | 22,500 | 15,084 |
| 10244 | Early Enrichment Daycare - St. John's | 12 | 28,520 | 11 | 16,500 | 16,500 |
| 10186 | East Toronto Village Children's Centre | 12 | 26,416 | 5 | 6,155 | 6,155 |
| 10120 | Ferndale Daycare/After School Group | 12 | 34,353 | 6 | 3,708 | 0 |
| 10202 | Frankland Day Care | 12 | 27,074 | 5 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 10204 | Fraser School Community Daycare Centre | 12 | 31,004 | 4 | 10,500 | 2,000 |
| 10253 | Garderie la Farandole de Toronto | 10 | 26,575 | 14 | 6,300 | 6,300 |
| 10160 | Garrison Creek Community Daycare | 12 | 30,706 | 8 | 9,000 | 4,000 |
| 10219 | Givins/Shaw School Community Daycare | 12 | 32,715 | 3 | 1,500 | 0 |
| 10540 | Gizhaadaawgamik | 12 | 43,416 | 3 | 2,500 | 0 |
| 10240 | Gledhill Avenue Child Care Centre | 12 | 28,412 | 6 | 5,985 | 5,985 |
| 10273 | Grace Church-on-the-Hill Day Care | 12 | 26,753 | 10 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 20273 | Harmony Community Centre | 12 | 24,073 | 5 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| 10237 | Hawthorne-on-Essex Daycare | 12 | 32,469 | 8 | 7,266 | 4,000 |
| 10278 | Heath & Ferndale Child Care Program | 12 | 30,073 | 4 | 3,500 | 2,000 |
| 10123 | Hester How Daycare Centre | 12 | 38,205 | 12 | 6,500 | 0 |
| 10177 | Hughes Day Care | 12 | 23,500 | 4 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| 10280 | Immaculata Day Nursery | 12 | 21,735 | 3 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| 10255 | Institute of Child Study Afterschool Daycare | 10 | 22,044 | 4 | 3,750 | 3,750 |
| 10179 | Jackman Daycare | 12 | 35,123 | 8 | 3,500 | 0 |
| 10201 | John Ross Robertson Child Centre | 10 | 26,568 | 4 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 10261 | John Wanless Childcare Program | 12 | 33,040 | 9 | 9,000 | 0 |
| 10129 | Junction Day Care Centre | 12 | 32,568 | 8 | 10,500 | 0 |
| 10170 | Keelmount Daycare | 12 | 33,661 | 4 | 9,000 | 0 |
| 10178 | Kensington Daycare Centre | 12 | 28,238 | 8 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| 10512 | Kew Beach Daycare Co-op | 12 | 31,474 | 10 | 13,992 | 5,000 |
| 10165 | Kids' Korner Daycare Centre | 12 | 26,120 | 3 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| 10130 | Kidspace Daycare | 12 | 34,826 | 3 | 1,500 | 0 |
| 10513 | Le Petit Chaperon Rouge | 12 | 29,000 | 11 | 8,498 | 8,498 |
| 10158 | Les Bouts d'Choux | 12 | 25,169 | 4 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| 10282 | Life-Bridge Childcare | 12 | 32,987 | 10 | 5,000 | 0 |
| 10532 | Lord Dufferin Community Daycare Centre | 12 | 36,190 | 4 | 2,310 | 0 |
| 10515 | Main Square Day Care Centre | 12 | 29,492 | 8 | 10,500 | 6,248 |
| 10191 | Matthew John Day Care Centre | 12 | 30,376 | 8 | 9,000 | 4,000 |
| 10290 | Maurice Cody Child Care | 12 | 32,848 | 9 | 4,500 | 0 |
| 10223 | Montrose Child Care Centre | 12 | 25,669 | 8 | 10,500 | 10,500 |
| 10256 | Mooredale Preschool | 12 | 35,443 | 11 | 5,000 | 0 |

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| 10224 | Nancy's Part/Time Child Care at U of T | 12 | 26,000 | 4 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| 10274 | Network Child Care Services | 12 | 21,000 | 3 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| 10281 | Network Satellite | 12 | 20,333 | 6 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| 10232 | Ogden Day Care Centre | 12 | 24,950 | 8 | 10,500 | 10,500 |
| 10132 | Orde Daycare | 12 | 33,525 | 11 | 5,500 | 0 |
| 10225 | Pape Children's House | 12 | 36,839 | 3 | 4,500 | 0 |
| 10267 | Parkdale Beach Childcare Centre | 12 | 32,399 | 5 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 10239 | Pat Schulz Child Care Centre | 12 | 33,274 | 9 | 10,260 | 0 |
| 10171 | Roden Community Child Care Centre | 12 | 24,743 | 3 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| 10517 | Rose Avenue Daycare | 12 | 31,000 | 5 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| 10248 | Runnymede Adventure Club | 12 | 19,299 | 5 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| 10218 | St. Alphonsus Day Care Centre | 12 | 20,786 | 8 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| 10139 | St. Chad's Day Nursery | 12 | 28,072 | 5 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| 10521 | St. Lawrence Co-operative Daycare | 12 | 31,005 | 7 | 3,822 | 3,500 |
| 10268 | St. Lawrence School Age | 12 | 32,075 | 9 | 3,276 | 3,276 |
| 10141 | St. Michael and All Angels Day Care Centre | 12 | 28,923 | 11 | 16,500 | 16,500 |
| 10142 | St. Stephen's Community House | 12 | 33,630 | 9 | 4,500 | 0 |
| 10143 | St. Stephen's/King Edward Child Care Centre | 12 | 33,890 | 11 | 5,500 | 0 |
| 10541 | Harbourfront Child Care Centre | 12 | 33,776 | 7 | 3,000 | 0 |
| 10272 | Sunflower House | 12 | 29,409 | 9 | 9,981 | 8,640 |
| 10181 | Sunnyside Gardens Day Care Centre | 12 | 30,000 | 5 | 2,500 | 1,365 |
| 10271 | Swansea Kid's Place | 10 | 25,164 | 5 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| 10279 | The French Connection | 11 | 17,748 | 2 | 2,073 | 2,073 |
| 10152 | University Settlement Daycare | 12 | 29,767 | 11 | 15,000 | 5,566 |
| 10161 | Upper Yonge Village Daycare | 12 | 32,993 | 12 | 18,000 | 0 |
| 10206 | Vaughan Co-op Nursery School | 10 | 27,210 | 3 | 2,307 | 2,307 |
| 10529 | Ward 9 Co-op Playschool | 12 | 25,474 | 4 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| 10275 | Waterfront Montessori Children's Centre | 12 | 27,271 | 4 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| 10154 | West End Parents Day Care Centre | 12 | 32,339 | 10 | 13,500 | 5,000 |
| 10227 | Williamson Road Day Care Centre | 10 | 26,932 | 2 | 900 | 900 |
| 10300 | Withrow | 12 | 29,753 | 8 | 5,250 | 4,000 |
| 10531 | Woodgreen Community Centre (Win Harris) | 12 | 33,968 | 17 | 25,449 | 0 |
| 10241 | Woodfield (Woodgreen) | 12 | 33,801 | 10 | 13,473 | 0 |
| 10536 | Morse Street School Age (Woodgreen) | 12 | 30,770 | 3 | 4,491 | 1,500 |
| 10284 | Riverdale Child Care (Woodgreen) | 12 | 31,140 | 10 | 13,473 | 5,000 |
| 10155 | Wychwood Tigers Daycare | 12 | 34,053 | 6 | 12,000 | 0 |
| 10270 | YTV Childcare Network | 12 | 30,652 | 6 | 9,000 | 3,000 |
| 10195 | Zoe Daycare Centre | 12 | 28,560 | 3 | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Total of 95 Centres: | | | | | <u>\$ 734,420</u> | <u>\$ 427,987</u> |
| Average Salary: | | | <u>\$ 29,676</u> | | | |

(Councillor Pantalone, at the Council meeting held on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, declared his interest in the foregoing Clause, in that one of his children is registered in a day care centre which has a purchase of service agreement with the City of Toronto.)

(Councillor Miller, at the Council meeting held on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, declared his interest in the foregoing Clause, insofar as it pertains to the grant for the Early Enrichment Daycare - St. John's, in that his children are enrolled in this daycare.)