

## **Update on Child Care Development in Ward 3**

**Date:** May 17, 2017

**To:** Community Development and Recreation Committee

**From:** General Manager Children's Services

**Wards:** Ward 3

### **SUMMARY**

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On February 15, 2017, City Council requested the General Manager, Children's Services to keep the Capri Early Learning and Child Care Centre operating until September 2017 and requested that the General Manager, Children's Services report to the June 7, 2017 meeting of the Community Development and Recreation Committee on future child care development in the area, with any costs associated with keeping the Centre open to be drawn from the Child Care Expansion reserve.

This report updates the Community Development and Recreation Committee on the future child care development in the area of Capri Early Learning and Child Care in Ward 3.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager Children's Services recommends that:

1. Community Development and Recreation Committee receive this report for information.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications as a result of this report. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact statement.

Delivery and funding for the St. Clements Catholic School and the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School child care centres is managed directly by the Province and the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

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<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.EX22.2>

## COMMENTS

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### Background

At the February 15, 2017 Council Meeting, City Council approved the closure of Capri Early Learning Child Care Centre located in Ward 3. This child care centre is directly operated by the City of Toronto and is operating at a capacity of 36 children. The closure is planned for September 2017 and all children currently placed in the program will be accommodated with alternate care based on parent's choice. As a result of this closure, City Council directed the General Manager of Children's Services to provide an update on future child care development in the area.

Children's Services actively pursues partnerships with other City divisions and community partners when exploring expansion options. Two new child care centres are confirmed for development in Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) locations in Ward 3. The development of child care in schools recognizes schools as community assets with the full day experience including both child care and school programming. Expansions are done in accordance with the principles of the Child Care Service Plan and the ward analysis which projects the number of spaces required at the ward level.

Toronto Children's Services and the TCDSB identified the development of 137 child care spaces in two Ward 3 schools:

#### St. Clements Catholic School

The Child Care Centre will be completed in January 2018 adding 49 spaces (10 infant, 15 toddler and 24 preschool); and

#### Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School

The Child Care is expected to be operation in 2019 adding 88 spaces (10 infants, 30 toddlers and 48 preschool).

An additional 146 spaces for school age programs are confirmed for September 2017 in Schools within Ward 3.

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