

Toronto Child Care and Early Years Forum

MAY 28, 2019, NORTH YORK CIVIC CENTRE

NOTE: This document includes the information from the powerpoint slides, presented at the May 28th Forum meeting.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and agenda review
2. Toronto District School Board update
3. Toronto Catholic District School Board update
4. Toronto Public Health update
5. Presentation: Provincial announcements: Karen Gray and Shanley McNamee
 - Background info
 - What impacts were expected?
 - What we don't yet know
 - Next steps
6. Small group discussions
7. Community information-sharing

2. Toronto District School Board update: Liz Hoang

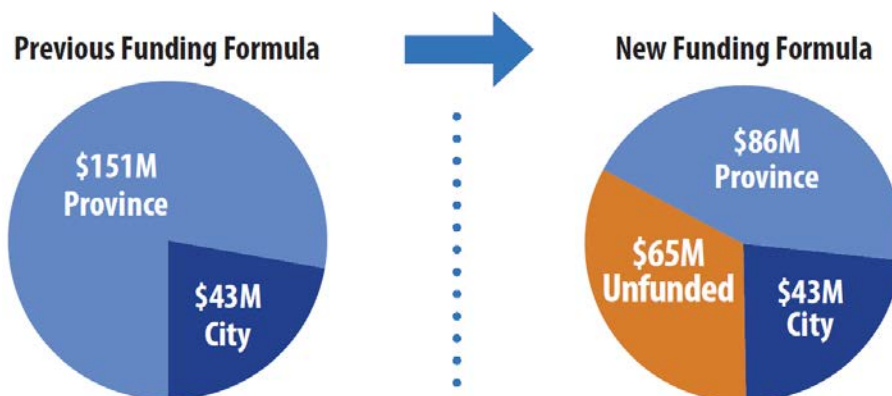
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3. Toronto Catholic District School Board update: Connie Giordano

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4. Update from Toronto Public Health: Owen Chong

What we know about the Provincial Announcements:



Provincial fiscal year	Cost-shared programs	100% funded programs
Previous Funding Formula	75% Provincial / 25% Municipal	100% Provincial
2019-2020 (Retroactive to April 1, 2019)	60% Provincial / 40% Municipal	
2020-2021 (Effective April 1, 2020)	60% Provincial / 40% Municipal	
2021-2022 (Effective April 1, 2021)	60% Provincial / 40% Municipal	

Estimated public health impacts of announced cuts:

- Estimated loss in provincial funding of \$65 million in 2019 approved budget
- Reduced by \$20 million in 2020 –estimate
- Province expects to save \$200 million each year by 2021-22
- Geographically, Toronto will remain as one of ten new “Regional Public Health Entities”
- Subject to consultation

What we don't know:

- Which programs and services will be impacted
- Staffing implications

What's coming next:

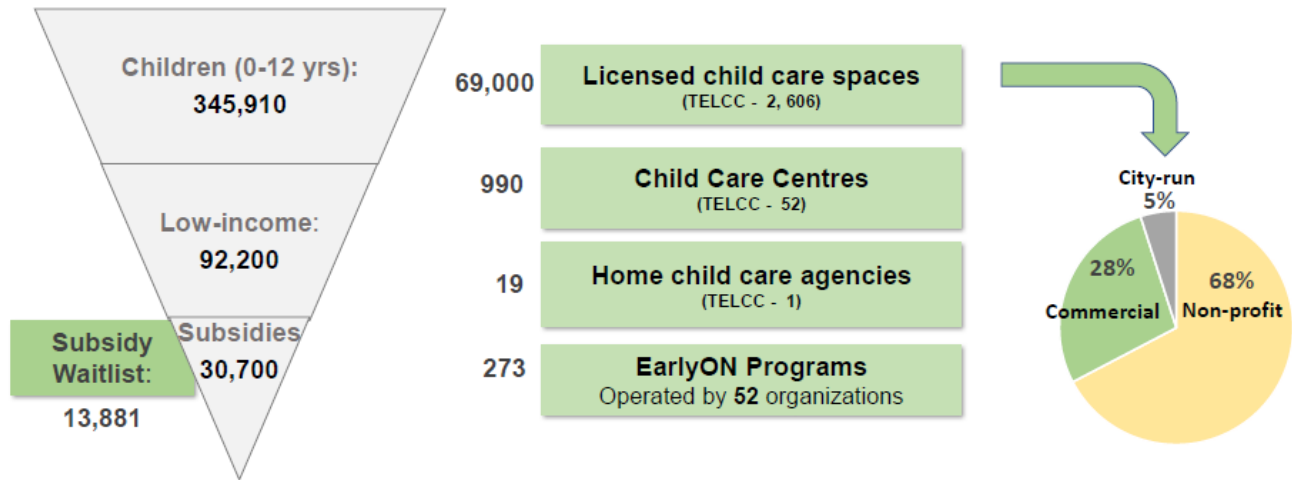
- Province will be consulting with health units to discuss
- Possibility of one time funding and wavers in meeting the Ontario Public Health Standards
- PH Senior Management reviewing programs and services
- Continued campaigning for PH programs and services
- As of May 27, 2019?
 - Status quo for now
 - Review all PH programs for 2020

5. Children's Services: Overview of provincial announcements: Karen Gray and Shanley McNamee**Overview of Toronto's child care and early years system:**

The child care and early years system includes:

- Licensed centre-based care (age 0-4)
- Home Child Care (age 0-12)
- Before and after school programs (age 4-12)
- Every Child Belongs Resource Consultation Services (age 0-12)
- Child Care Fee Subsidies

Toronto is the second largest child care system in Canada:



Province and City Roles:

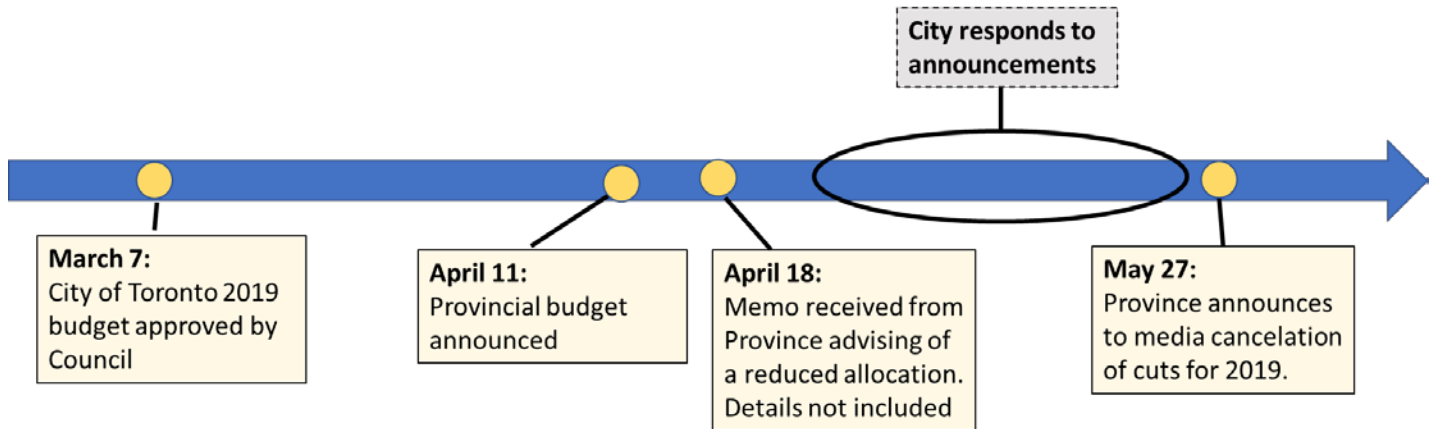
Provincial role:

- Legislation (Child Care and Early Years Act)
- Licensing
- Funding
- Policy Framework
- Designates service system managers

Municipal role:

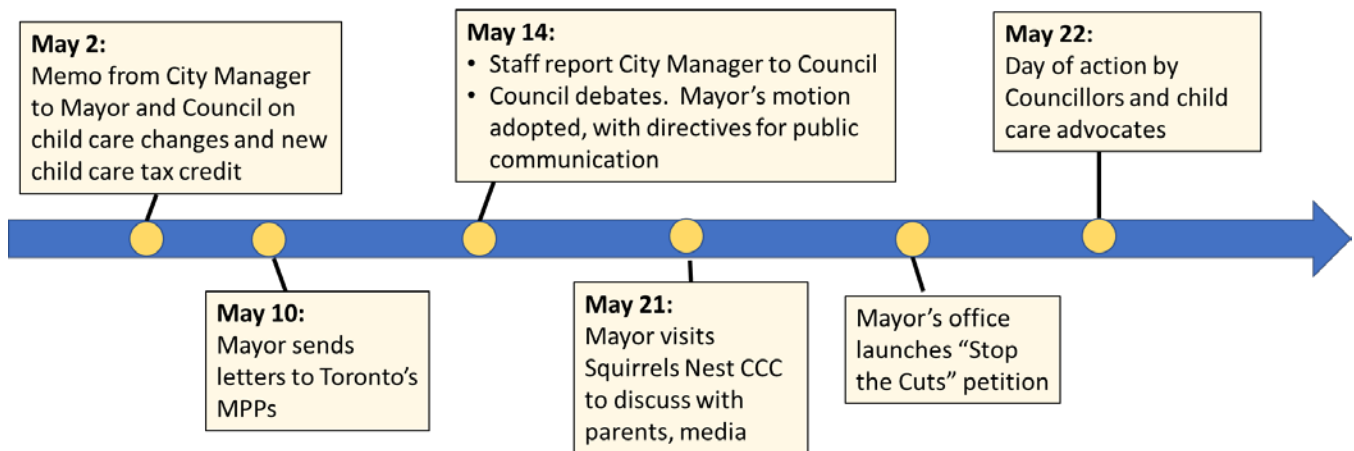
- Plan and manage child care and early years service system
- Plan and oversee system growth (expansions, capital projects, etc...)
- Deliver/administer services:
- TELCCS
- Every Child Belongs Resource Consultants
- Fee subsidies
- Approve and distribute funds to Operators and manage service agreements

Timeline of City/Provincial budgets & announcements:



How did the City respond?

- Public awareness, media events, and letters to Toronto’s Provincial MPPs.
- Offered to work with the Province to find new solutions.



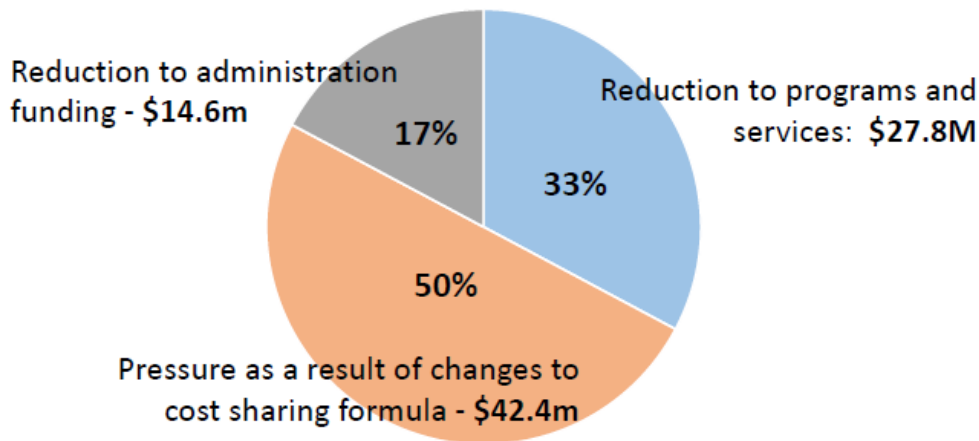
What impacts were expected?

City of Toronto:

- City-wide funding loss of \$177.65m
 - \$24 million from the cancellation of planned Provincial Gas Tax Funding increment
 - \$65 million for Toronto Public Health
 - \$84.8 million for Children's Services
 - \$3.85 million for Toronto Paramedic Services

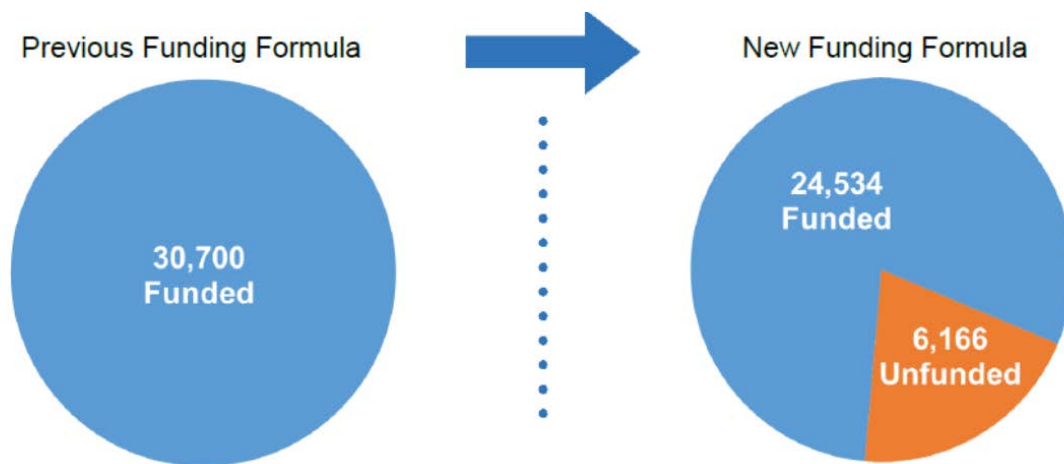
Children’s Services:

- Overall, reduction for 2019 was estimated at \$84.8 million.



- Fee stabilization funding confirmed for Q1, 2019
- Reduced administration funding for PWE
- The City continues to look for efficiencies – but could not make up funding gap through administration alone
- Child care fee subsidies were used as a proxy to illustrate the potential impact. If the \$84.8M reduction were converted to fee subsidies, at an average cost of \$12,000 for each subsidy, 6,166 subsidies would be unfunded.
- Potential for other impacts were not yet known

Potential impact for child care fee subsidies:



What we don't yet know:

- Confirmed amount of revised 2019 allocation: official notice not yet received
- 2019 Transfer Payment Agreement
 - More detailed allocations and municipal cost-sharing requirements
- 2019 Service System Management and Funding Guidelines
 - Detailed information on prescribed service levels, expense categories, thresholds, policy direction etc.
- Implications for 2020 and beyond
 - Indications that these reductions will occur in 2020.

What's Next:

- Proceeding with placements
- Being cautious with growth strategy
- Operator Budgets: approvals are dependent on receiving the guidelines
- Being proactive: Reviewing CS operations for efficiencies and cost reductions
- Service Plan Consultations to inform 2020-2024: Input from Service Providers

Upcoming reports to Council:

- June 6, Executive Committee: Report from City Manager related to provincial announcements
- June 17, Budget Committee: Amendments to CS' 2019 Budget to account for 2019's provincial allocation
- June 26, Economic and Community Development Committee:
 - Potential impacts of provincial budget and funding announcements
 - Occupancy Costs in Schools
- Sept 17, Planning and Housing Committee: Standardized Occupancy Rates for Child Care Centres in City-owned facilities

Note: Committee meeting agendas posted two weeks in advance of meetings at: www.toronto.ca/council

6. Small group discussions

Attendees discussed the following questions in small groups and provided written input. Online participants were provided with an online survey to provide input into the same questions.

1. What is your message for the Province about the Child Care and Early Years system in Toronto?
2. How can we work together through this time? What do you need from Children's Services to stay informed as further details are shared?

7. Community information-sharing

Verbal update.