

Junior Citizens Daycare Centre

Report to Community Services
Standing Committee



Background

- 2013 Budget Planning Session:
 - “Service Delivery Options for JCDC”

History – Childcare at CGS

- 1972 – Junior Citizens Daycare was opened, originally to service a gap in the community for special needs children
- 1977 – La Garderie Regionale Francophone was opened as a French language option
- 2000 – The City opened an evening program at Junior Citizens to serve families that worked shift work
- 2001 – These three separate programs were brought together under one roof as part of the YMCA construction
- 2009 – A change to operations integrated children into one bilingual program

Current State of Childcare

- The licensed child care system is currently made up of over 80 community childcare sites (primarily non-profit with some commercial centres)
- Due to Provincial investments and local system service management; childcare has expanded from 2222 licensed spaces in 2000 to over 5400 in 2012

Current Status – JCDC

- Junior Citizens has a current enrollment of 111 children (58 full-time)
- Occupies approximately 6,000 sq feet of leased space
- Lease at YMCA Sudbury expires July 31st, 2015
- City will own “condo” unit at that time
- Non-core service
- Municipal support on a yearly basis

Financials

<u>Year</u>	<u>Municipal Levy Impact</u>
2012	\$129,119 <i>projected</i>
2011	\$124,278
2010	\$119,540
2009	\$124,585
2008	\$ 86,998
2007	\$127,954

Added Cost of Municipal Child Care

- Starting wage rates about 50% higher than in the community
- Costs further impacted by OMERS contributions, Pay Equity legislation and other bargained benefits
- Occupancy costs over 10 dollars per sq ft, vs community day care space located in schools

Environmental Scan - Provincial

- Peel Region conducted a review of Municipal daycares.
 - Recommended a withdrawal of services across the city to be completed by September 2014
- Toronto undertaking an efficiency review of its Municipal daycares

Environmental Scan - Local

- Cambrian College proceeded with closing its directly operated centre in 2010 and redistributed those spaces to non-profit providers in the community
- Savings reported to be in the \$250,000 range per year

Three Possible Courses

- Status Quo

Redistribute the spaces at a specified date

- Redistribute 120 child care spaces into the core of the community will be difficult
- HR implications of 12 full time, 10 part time staff
- Occupancy implications of the commercial condo agreement (2015)

Redistribute spaces over time

- No further enrollment which would lead to natural attrition of children
- Less disruptive for families
- Ability to re-distribute spaces over time
- HR implications reduced
- Decision regarding commercial condo unit in 2015

Questions and Discussion

