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Child Care Funding Announcement for Place des Arts

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Resolution

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Relationship to the Strategic Plan / Health Impact Assessment

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan in the area of Quality of Life and Place as it aligns with the Population Health Priorities of Resiliency, Families and a Compassionate City.

This funding will create quality licensed francophone child care spaces, to support parents and guardians with work, education and early childhood development, in a unique cultural and artistic francophone setting.

Report Summary

The Children Services Section was successful in receiving \$750,000 in capital funding from the Ministry of Education, to contribute to the construction costs of a licensed child care program within the new Place des Arts project in downtown Greater Sudbury.

Financial Implications

This funding approval is 100% provincial, and has no municipal impact. Ongoing operational costs will be provided by families accessing the program, and through parental fee subsidies and grants from Children Services, from within existing operational budgets.

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Background

In January 2018, the Children Services Section submitted a funding application for the Community-Based Early Years and Child Care Capital Program (CBCP) to the Ministry of Education, on behalf of Le Carrefour francophone and the Place des Arts project currently under development in the City of Greater Sudbury.

This funding opportunity is a result of the provincial government's vision for child care and early years under the Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework, as well as the commitments made in Ontario's Action Plan under the Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement

The Children Services Section was successful in receiving capital funding in the amount of \$750,000 from the CBCP. The amount received is based on a provincially determined calculation that supports the creation of a licensed child care program for 6 infants, 10 toddlers and 8 preschoolers within the Place des Arts project.

Le Carrefour francophone, is the agency that will be operating this new program as part of Place des Arts, and currently operates 9 francophone licensed child care programs in the City of Greater Sudbury.

The Place des Arts is a \$30 million, 60,000 sq ft multi-disciplinary arts and culture centre - a gathering place for francophones and for the whole community, in the downtown core of Greater Sudbury. All three levels of government have contributed to the Place des Arts which will be the permanent home of eight francophone organizations, including the francophone licensed child care program. Construction is scheduled to start in 2018.

This child care expansion is supported by a needs assessment that was conducted by the Children Services Section indicating that more licensed child care spaces are required in the downtown/central area.

The Children Services Section will be providing operational funding to Le Carrefour francophone, with parental fee subsidies and a general operating grant, to support the financial viability of the program through the existing operational budget.

Next Steps

A funding agreement will be completed for this capital project.

Beginning in 2018, the Children Services Section will administer the \$750,000 capital funding to Le Carrefour francophone, up to the end of the project completion in September 2020.

Le Carrefour francophone will be required to provide a financial reconciliation of the project funds upon completion of the project.