

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

**Date:** January 10, 2023  
**To:** Social Services Sub-Committee  
**From:** Corry Gunn, Manager of Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre  
**Report #:** SOC23-003  
**Attachments:** None

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**Title:** Information on Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre's Enrollment Status

**Objective:** To provide Council with an update on Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre's enrollment status as numbers return to pre-COVID capacity.

**Background:** Anne Hathaway Day Care is a licensed full day childcare that falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education under the Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014. The program is licensed by the Ministry of Education under their Child Care Quality Assurance and Early Learning Division.

The mandate of Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre is to deliver quality childcare programs that are fully inclusive of all children and families and to meet Ontario's Early Learning Framework's Six Principles and How Does Learning Happen, Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years as set out by the Ministry of Education.

The Social Services Department at the City of Stratford is the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) and is responsible to administer the child care programs at Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre.

Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre is licensed for 107 children between the age of 18 months and six years.

**Analysis:** Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre staff has worked closely with the Ministry of Education and Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) to develop policies and procedures for the delivery of childcare programs during the pandemic and the eventual return to 'normal' (pre-COVID) childcare operations.

In March 2022 requirements for cohorting children, daily on-site screening, and social distancing of children were lifted and childcare group sizes - previously capped at 50% of capacity were allowed to return to full licensed capacity. Enrollment at Anne

Hathaway Day Care Centre increased and reached 75% capacity by mid September 2022.

From September to December 2022, staffing challenges and a spike in illness during what HPPH is calling a “triple threat season” of COVID, influenza and RSV hindered efforts to return to full capacity by year end. It is however, projected that the childcare centre will reach 95 – 100% capacity by mid January 2023.

**Financial Implications:** There is no financial impact as a result of this informational report.

**Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

**Widening our Economic Opportunities**

Strengthening Stratford’s economy by developing, attracting, and retaining a diversity of businesses and talent.

**Alignment with One Planet Principles:**

**Health and Happiness**

Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

**Equity and Local Economy**

Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade.

**Culture and Community**

Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities, and promoting a culture of sustainable living.

**Staff Recommendation: THAT the report titled, “Information on Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre’s Enrollment Status” (SOC23-003), be received for information.**

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