



MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: January 13, 2025
To: Mayor and Council
From: Shannon Archer, Business and Integration Manager
Corry Gunn, Manager of Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre
Report Number: COU25-004
Attachments: None

Title: Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre Fee Decrease

Objective: To inform City Council of the further decrease to Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre fees resulting from updated Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) guidelines received and to amend several of the Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre (AHDC) rates set out in Schedule "F" of the Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law 99-2024.

Background: At the August 12, 2024, Council meeting, Consolidated Fees and Charges By-law 99-2024 was passed. Schedule "F" of this By-law included fees for AHDC. In December 2024 information was received from the Ministry of Education regarding an amendment to O. Reg 135/17 relating to the 2025 CWELCC fee reduction. The following rules will apply once the amended regulation is in effect:

- CWELCC-enrolled programs charging more than \$22 per day for eligible children must reduce fees to \$22 per day;
- CWELCC-enrolled programs charging less than \$22 per day for eligible children must maintain current fees (as of December 31, 2024), and
- New programs enrolling in CWELCC in 2025 must set base fees in accordance with specific amounts set out in the regulation.

Analysis: Under the terms of the CWELCC agreement on January 1, 2025, parental fees for all children under 6 years of age can not exceed \$22.00. This mandate will result in 3 rate reductions to existing fees. Further, a review of the rates revealed that the rate for Before or After care for children 6 years of age or older was omitted from the previous fee listing. A breakdown of all current fees is noted below with the changes noted in bold:

| Fee | Current By-Law 99-2024 | Revised Rate |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| Toddler Weekly | \$113.68 | \$110.00 |
| Toddler Daily | \$27.80 | \$22.00 |
| Pre-School Weekly | \$99.03 | \$99.03 |
| Pre-School Daily | \$23.79 | \$22.00 |
| Nursery Daily | \$17.33 | \$17.33 |
| Before or After - Kindergarten | \$6.85 | \$6.85 |
| Before or After – Grades 1-6 | \$6.63 | \$6.63 |
| Before or After – ages 6 and up | n/a | 13.25 |

Financial Implications:

Financial impact to current year operating budget:

There is no anticipated net impact on the current year operating budget as the reduction in parental fees will be directly offset by increased recovery through CWELCC subsidy from the Provincial Government.

Financial impact on future year operating budget:

There is no anticipated impact on future year operating budgets as any further reductions mandated will also be directly offset by increased recovery through CWELCC subsidy.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Not applicable: This report does not directly align with one of the Strategic Priorities as it is a financial/administrative report.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:

Not applicable: One Planet Principles do not apply to this financial/administrative report.

Staff Recommendation: THAT the following fees in Schedule "F" of the City's Fees and Charges By-law 99-2024, be amended:

- **Toddler Weekly - \$110.00**

- **Toddler Daily - \$22.00**
- **Pre-school Daily - \$22.00**
- **Before or After – ages 6 and up - \$13.25**

AND THAT the fees be effective January 1, 2025.

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Recommended by: Joan Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer