



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: June 16, 2020

From: Bob Kusch, Recreation and Culture Manager

File No: File No.

Subject: **Central Okanagan Community Child Care Planning Report**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council direct staff to work with the Central Okanagan Child Care Committee to submit the final UBCM grant report and the Central Okanagan Child Care Community Planning Report to the UBCM and the Ministry of Child and Family Development fulfilling the grant obligations of the Child Care Space Planning Program.

BACKGROUND

As this project has spanned a considerable period of time due to many factors and as a reminder to Council, on September 11, 2018 the B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development announced two funding programs to support local governments to better understand local child care needs and to develop new child care spaces in their communities. One of the funding programs, the Community Child Care Planning program has been administered by the Union of B.C. Municipalities. One of the application avenues was a Collaborative Projects Among Multiple Local Governments application that could be submitted as a single application with eligible projects able to receive up to \$25,000 per participating local government or regional district included in the application (for a total application for \$100,000). The City of Kelowna offered to be the primary applicant for a Central Okanagan project in partnership with the District of Peachland, District of Lake Country and the City of West Kelowna.

In January of 2019, Council approved the co-operative regional effort to secure funding for a Child Care Planning and Needs Assessment for the Okanagan Region as did the other partnering Municipalities. Upon approval of the grant by the UBCM, a Central Okanagan Child Care Committee was formed with representatives of each Municipality as well with other childcare representatives. A Request For Proposals was issued by the City of Kelowna on behalf of the Committee and following a thorough review process, Urban Matters was selected to undertake the project which included an extensive community consultation process to develop a needs assessment for the Central Okanagan.

Throughout 2019 a series of meetings, open houses and other consultation methods were undertaken to gather input from the community and daycare providers on where the current status of childcare delivery is and what measures are needed to improve the delivery of childcare in the region.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to the City of West Kelowna.

COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
January 8, 2019	THAT Council support the collaborative application to the Union of B.C. Municipalities for a Child Care Planning and Needs Assessment Grant of \$100,000 partnered with the District of Peachland, District of Lake Country and the City of Kelowna being the primary applicant to apply for, receive and manager the grant funding; AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor to provide a letter of support, including the resolution of Council, to be include in the application due January 18, 2019	CO11/19

CONCLUSION

The attached Central Okanagan Child Care Planning Report is a result of the consultation process and is being presented to Council for support to submit to the UBCM and Ministry of Child and Family Development to fulfill the grant obligations of the partnering Municipalities. Daylin Mantyka and Jen Casorso of Urban Matters will be in attendance to present an overview of the report.

Alternate Motion:

THAT Council not support the submission of the UBCM grant report and the Central Okanagan Child Care Community Planning Report at this time and for staff to return with further information as requested by Council.

REVIEWED BY

Mark Koch, Director of Development Services

Tracey Batten, Deputy CAO/Corporate Officer

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes ☒ No ☐

Attachments:

Child Care Community Planning Report