

2. CAPITAL FUNDING

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED

That Council approve:

- 1. That \$750,000 be included in the 1998 budget to fund child care capital projects under the three components of the approved capital funding policy;**
- 2. That an additional \$40,000 be included in the 1998 budget to hire a consultant to work with operators that own their facilities to assist them in developing ten year plans for maintenance and repairs;**
- 3. That the inclusion of approximately \$1.5 million annually for child care capital funding be included in the draft estimates in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002, and;**
- 4. That the total of \$790,000 requested in 1998 be funded from the child care contingency fund.**

DOCUMENTATION

1. Commissioner, Social Services report dated 23 March 1998 is immediately attached.
2. Extract of Draft Minute, Community Services Committee, 23 April 1998 immediately follows the report and includes a record of all votes.

Extract of Draft Minute
Community Services Committee
23 April 1998

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- Commissioner, Social Services report dated 23 March 1998

Questions to Staff

In response to an inquiry about Regional Development Charges (RDC), Mr. Kirkpatrick stated the Finance Department's objective was to have a report completed by the end of the year. He was not aware of the percentage of RDC's allowed for child care expenses as it is calculated on a per capita basis.

Councillor McGoldrick-Larsen asked when the long term strategic plan for the anglophone child care would be available. Ms. Preston explained the timeframe was for community consultation in the Fall, and she anticipated a report to Committee in December 1998 or January 1999.

Councillor Loney proposed an amendment to the third recommendation in the report that the inclusion of approximately \$1.5 million be included in the draft estimates. He opined that it was unlikely for Council to approve a pre-commitment of that amount but stressed the importance of having this item on the table for Council's budget deliberations on 13 May 1998. He reiterated that Council must make a decision of whether or not it is going to fund this capital program and build it into the tax base.

Councillor Holmes stated she was surprised at not finding the child care capital funding included in the 1998 draft capital estimates. Commissioner Stewart responded that the Department interpreted the Committee's previous motion differently and prepared this report for the Committee's consideration of creating a capital program.

Moved by A. Loney

That the inclusion of approximately \$1.5 million annually for child care capital funding be included in the draft estimates in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

CARRIED
(dissent H. Kreling)

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Moved by D. Holmes

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CARRIED, as amended