

REPORT

TO: Mayor Avis & Council

FROM: Jason Kabel, Manager of Community Services

DATE: June 21, 2016

RE: **Children's Complex School Programs Wait List**

At the most recent meeting of the Community Services Executive Committee on June 20, 2016, Shawna McRitchie, Children's Complex Superintendent presented a report (attached) that demonstrates the ballooning wait lists at St. Michaels & St. Francis Schools. In order to address the growing demand for childcare services at these existing programs, it would be necessary to apply to the Ministry of Education for additional children to be included in the licensing.

The Children's Complex is currently licensed for 30 children at St. Michaels School (15 early learning spaces – grades k-3 and 15 school age spaces – grades 4-8). There are students who are transported from St. Francis School to St. Michaels to participate in the before and after school daycare program.

There are currently 42 children on the wait list between St. Michaels & St. Francis schools. It is proposed that an increase to licensing is necessary, St. Michaels (15 early learning spaces) and St. Francis (20 school age spaces) would greatly assist in satisfying the childcare demands of the community.

It has been previously assessed and noted that the school age programs are financially self sufficient through parent fees and fee subsidy, that cover all of the expense of additional staff that may be required to keep children to staffing ratios appropriately.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor & Council to authorize the submission of an application to the Ministry of Education to increase the licenced capacity for children at St. Michaels and St. Francis Schools as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Kabel,
Manager of Community Services

<p>Council approval of this report will authorize the submission of an application to the Ministry of Education to increase the licenced capacity for children at St. Michaels and St. Francis Schools as presented.</p>
