



TO:

CHAIR AND MEMBERS

DATE:

2015 January 14

FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE

FROM:

DIRECTOR FINANCE

FILE:

9100-00

SUBJECT:

RENEWAL OF THE LICENCE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR

THE CAMERON CHILDREN'S CENTRE

PURPOSE:

To obtain Council approval to enter into a new licence and operating agreement

with the Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth & Families for the City-

owned Cameron Children's Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Finance and Civic Development Committee recommend that Council
authorize staff to enter into a licence and operating agreement with the Lower
Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families for the Cameron Children's
Centre for a five year term as outlined in this report.

2. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to the Board of Directors of the Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families and to the Social Issues Committee for information.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

The City owned Cameron Children's Centre (see Attachment 1) was developed through the Community Benefit Bonus provision of rezoning for a mixed-use development site at 3495 North Road. The Lower mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families (the Purpose Society) was selected by Council in 2008 to operate the new Children's Centre.

The fully furnished and equipped child care centre was made available to the Purpose Society under a licence and operating agreement on a rent-free basis for five years from 2009 October 01 through 2014 September 30.

2.0 NEW LICENCE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT

This report seeks Council approval to enter into a new rent-free licence and operating agreement for the Cameron Children's Centre with the Purpose Society. The operator will continue to be responsible for the same terms and conditions and financial operations of the child care centre as set out in the previous agreement see Attachment 2 - Roles and Responsibilities.

To: Chair and Members Finance and Civic Development Committee

From: Director Finance

Re: Renewal of the Licence and Operating Agreement for the Cameron Children's Centre

The Purpose Society is a BC registered non-profit society that celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2013. In addition to the Cameron Children's Centre the Society also operates the City owned Madison and Yukon Crescent Children's Centre and the Rosser Preschool and Kitchener Schoolaged Care children's services located on Burnaby School District property.

The Cameron Centre is licenced under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act for 44 spaces: specifically for 20 children younger than 36 months and 24 spaces for 30 months to school age. During 2013 the Centre provided care for 69 children from 62 families and of those 75% of the families were Burnaby residents. The others are residents of surrounding municipalities. A waitlist is maintained at all times as there is a high demand for enrolment. Currently the waitlist has 153 families needing space in the Centre.

Cameron Children's Centre employs twelve staff members and all staff has training in basic Early Childhood Education (ECE) and over half of the staff also have post-basic ECE training. The Society's child care professionals are each provided with 15-20 hours of additional training each year.

The Society is represented on Burnaby's Child Care Resources Group, a subcommittee of the Social Issues Committee which advises the Committee and Council on child care matters. Since commencement of the original agreement the Society has consistently provided quality and much needed service to Burnaby families from this location.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Purpose Society has successfully operated the Cameron Children's Centre since 2009 October 01 and continues to provide quality and much needed child care service to Burnaby families. It is recommended that Council authorize staff to enter into a new five year licence and operating agreement with the Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families (retroactive to 2014 October 01 and through 2019 September 30) for the continued operation of the Cameron Children's Centre.

It is further recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Board of Directors for the Lower Mainland Purpose Society for Youth and Families and the Social Issues Committee for information.

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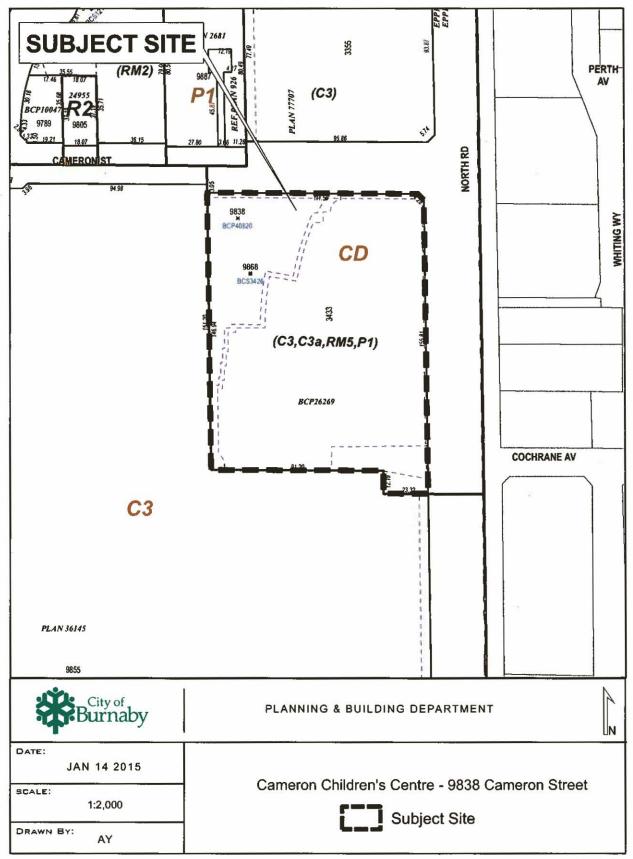
Attachments: #1 - Map of Cameron Children's Centre

#2 - Roles and Responsibilities

Copied to: Director Engineering

Director Building and Planning

City Solicitor
City Risk Manager
Chief Licence Inspector



Sketch #1

Licensing and Operating Agreements for City-owned Child Care Centres

Roles and Responsibilities

Interior pest control