



Subject: Thorold Community Activities Group (TCAG) Day Care Proposal –
Allanburg Community Centre

Report to: Thorold City Council

Recommendations

1. That Council **SUPPORT** the Thorold Community Activities Group's application to the Niagara Region to provide additional child care services to the Thorold South/Allanburg/Port Robinson East areas;
2. That a child care service **BE APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE**, to operate out of a portion of the Allanburg Community Centre, conditional upon the confirmation that the Start-up Funding needed to make the appropriate space fully operational be approved; and
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to work with the Allanburg Community Centre Board of Management to establish a business plan that will accommodate this and other community uses.

Key Facts

- The Thorold Community Activities Group (TCAG) is proposing to apply to the Niagara Region for funding to expand its Day Care operations.
- The Niagara Region has identified the Allanburg Community as being underserved.
- The Allanburg Community Centre has capacity to handle day time programming subject to some modifications and upgrades to the facility.
- The funding can be applied to needed Capital improvements.
- The Allanburg Community Centre Board of Management has passed a motion supporting the TCAG's application.

Budgetary Status

There are no budget implications at this time. Council will need to consider future investment in this facility as per the Non-core Asset Management Plan Report.

Analysis

The TCAG is proposing to submit its application to the Niagara Region prior to August 4th, 2023, and requires Council's endorsement for the future use of this facility as a Day Care operation. The proposed Day Care has to be fully operational by 2026.

At its meeting on July 19th, 2023, the Allanburg Community Centre Board of Management passed a motion supporting the TCAG's proposal to establish a Day Care operation. Additional improvements to the facility will be required to make the building functional for this purpose. Funding of up to \$350,000 is available through the grant program. If TCAG's application is successful, staff will work with the Board of Management to develop a business plan and License Agreement with TCAG that will allow for other compatible uses to optimize the value of this facility to the community.

Impact on the Environment, Climate Change

There are no known environmental or climate change related impacts to this report.

Alternatives Reviewed

None considered.

Relationship to Strategic Plan

The recommendation is consistent with Council's Strategic Priority;

- Responsible Growth and Infrastructure Planning
- Vibrant, Inclusive Neighbourhoods
- Service Modernization

Other Pertinent Reports

None.

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Appendices

None.