



Report to: General Committee

Date Report Authored: April 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Annual Family Strengthening Program Funding Agreement –
PLAY and Summer Camp- York Region Community and
Health Services

PREPARED BY: Mary Creighton, Director, Recreation Services ext 7515

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the report titled Annual Family Strengthening Program Funding Agreement –PLAY and Summer Camp- York Region Community and Health Services be received;
- 2) And that the Commissioner of Community and Fire Services be delegated to execute the Annual Family Strengthening Program Funding Agreement –PLAY and Summer Camp- York Region Community and Health Services, on an annual basis;
- 3) And that staff be directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to enter into the Annual Family Strengthening Program Funding Agreement –PLAY and Summer Camp- York Region Community and Health Services.

BACKGROUND:

York Region through the PLAY program and Summer Camp program, increases access to recreation programs for children and youth by making funding available to local municipalities, for low income families. Since its inception in 2011, families receiving Ontario Works funding are eligible for assistance pending approval from the Region of York.

The goal of funding is to increase access to recreation programs for children, youth and sole support parents.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

On an annual basis the City of Markham- Recreation Services and York Region - Community and Health Services enter into an agreement to support access to recreation programs for children and youth and sole support parents, who are receiving Ontario Works Funding. York Region provides funding which covers activities for the fall, winter and spring through the PLAY program and Summer camps program. The PLAY and

Summer Camp program assists existing and new participants in pursuing recreation endeavors within the Municipality.

Roles & Responsibilities:

The City of Markham and the Region each designate a lead contact (families to communicate with) for registration and administration processes. This program is coordinated by Recreation and supported through the Contact Centre who is responsible for registrations of programs.

City's Role

- The City of Markham will make recreation programs available to those determined eligible by the Region.
- The City of Markham will allow eligible families to register for programs without payment as per approval.
- The City of Markham will register participants in programs using the registration methods and policies available to the public.
- The City of Markham will submit on-going updates and communication to the Region.
- The City of Markham is responsible to submit to the Region necessary forms to request payment.
- The City of Markham will ensure that refunds are not provided directly to the family
- The city will inform the Region of any "no shows" or absences without notice of over 3 consecutive days.

Regions Role

- The Region will communicate the PLAY and Summer Camp Program to families and qualify eligible children, youth and parents.
- The Region will forward to the City of Markham prior to and during the registration process a registration spreadsheet of eligible participants. (Schedule B- PLAY and Schedule C- Summer Camps)
- The Region will direct eligible families to their local municipality for registration. If additional assistance is required the Region will direct families to the lead contact at the municipality.
- The region will set out the budget amount for the City of Markham before registration begins. Once the City of Markham has reached the budget amount, approval from the Region is required to accept additional registrations.
- The Region within its PLAY and Summer camp budget, will reimburse the City of Markham for additional costs for inclusion approved by the Region.
- Where a participant is withdrawn, the Region will pay according to the City of Markham's refund policy as advertised to the public.

Budget

PLAY

The Region will pay the City of Markham for approved participants the actual amount of course fees as advertised to the public to a maximum of:	
For participants 4-12 years of age:	\$105.00 for the winter, spring and fall per session
For participants 13-18 years of age:	\$105.00 for the winter, spring and fall per session
For eligible parents:	\$125.00 for the winter, spring and fall per session
Inclusive Recreation: Program fees and/or Inclusion Support Fees must be approved by the Region, in writing, using the Inclusion request form.	\$13.00 per hour for up to 20 hours per session may be approved.

SUMMER CAMP

The Region will pay the City of Markham for approved participants the actual amount of camp fees as advertised to the public to a maximum of:	
For participants 6-13 years of age:	\$36.00 per day Extended day camp care costs (pre-approved by the Region)
Inclusive Recreation:	\$13.00 per hour for up to 35 hours per week may be approved In the case where extended day camp care is approved and registered for, an additional 10 hours of inclusion support fees per week may be approved. Inclusion costs must be approved by the Region, in writing, using the Inclusion request form.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

Not applicable

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

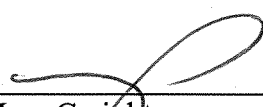
Not applicable

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

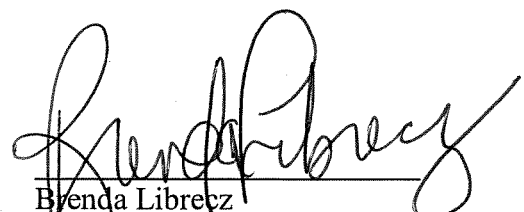
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RECOMMENDED

BY:



Mary Creighton
Director, Recreation Services



Brenda Librecz
Commissioner, Community
and Fire Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 'A' - Letter from York Region regarding: Family Strengthening Program
Funding Agreement- PLAY and Summer Camp 2015



Community and Health Services Department

Thursday, March 5, 2015

The Corporation of the City of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

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RECREATION SERVICES

Attention: Mary Creighton, Director

Dear Ms. Creighton,

Re: 2015 Family Strengthening Program Funding Agreement - PLAY and Summer Camp 2015

I am pleased to send for review and signature, two copies of the 2015 Family Strengthening Program Funding Agreement for PLAY and Summer Camp in 2015.

Execution and Payment

Please sign and return both copies of the contract to the attention of Cindy Harding at 520 Cane Parkway, Newmarket, ON L3Y 8T5.

Once the signed contract has been received in our office and is fully executed, a copy will be sent to you for your records. Schedule A outlines our respective roles and payment schedule.

We look forward to our continued work with you to provide access to recreation for low income families. Should you have any questions please contact Bernice Landry at extension 72024.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Elliott, Manager
Child Care Services and Children's Community Programs
Social Services Branch

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