



Report To: Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board

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Re: **Child Care Spaces in the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB Region**

Background

On September 26th, 2019 the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board agreed to support in principle cost sharing child-care expansion funding, implementation details to be recommended by the budget committee.

Child Care expansion funding is used to support operating costs of new spaces, support existing spaces with increased access through expanded hours and affordability in all areas of the district.

Most programs in our district are nearing capacity, a review is being done to determine where additional spaces may be needed to address community need. In order to continue to operate existing spaces, consider new spaces, ensure access to expanded hours of care and support affordable fees, Child Care expansion funding is needed.

At the last board meeting, the Board inquired about the number of spaces in our region. Staff confirmed at the September board meeting that there are 801 centre based spaces in the region and that 668 centre based spaces are currently funded. Funding for 2019 was based on 2018 enrolment.

The Board asked that staff prepare a summary of licenced spaces in the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board region that identifies program usage.

The following chart summarizes program locations, licenced spaces and usage as of September 2019. The chart includes enrolment for Infant, Toddler, Preschool, Family Groupings, Kindergarten and School Age Child Care programs. Totals of all age groups have been provided.

Child Care Enrolment All Ages by Region

As of September. 2019	Site	Total Enrolment	Total Licence Capacity	Percent Occupancy
Region				
Sudbury East				
Carrefour francophone de Sudbury	Noëlville	26	43	60%
	St Charles	40	58	69%
	Warren	8	15	53%
YMCA Northeastern Ontario	Markstay	31	30	103%
Sudbury East Total		105	146	72%
Sudbury North				
Chapleau Child Care Centre	English	30	47	64%
	French	56	41	137%
Sudbury North Total		86	88	98%
Manitoulin				
Gore Bay Child Care Centre	Gore Bay	63	66	95%
	Assiginack	44	40	110%
Manitoulin Family Resources	Little Current	68	65	105%
	Mindemoya	45	55	82%
Manitoulin Total		220	226	97%
LaCloche				
One Tot	AB Ellis	75	99	76%
	St. Marys	17	31	55%
	S Geiger	32	46	70%
Our Children Our Future	Sacred Heart	125	105	119%
	St Joseph	69	60	115%
LaCloche Total		318	341	93%
DSB Total		729	801	91%

The Board also inquired about the future viability of Child Care programs based on population data which has been retrieved from Statistics Canada. Child Care Expansion funding is intended to support programs serving children ages 0-4, therefore for the purposes of this analysis, all further references will be to children in that age group.

Population Estimates Children Ages 0-4 for the period 2015-2018

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Manitoulin	306	288	268	252
LaCloche	454	437	424	418
Sudbury North	91	91	88	88
Sudbury East	282	312	298	292

Centre Based Enrolment Children Ages 0-4

As of September, 2019	Site	Total Enrolment Infant -Preschool (including Family Grouping)		
Region		Enrolment	Licence Capacity	Percent Occupancy
Sudbury East				
Carrefour francophone de Sudbury	Noëlville	12	15	80%
	St Charles	17	15	113%
	Warren	0	0	
YMCA Northeastern Ontario	Markstay	13	15	87%
Sudbury East Total		42	45	93%
Sudbury North				
Chapleau Child Care Centre	English	16	32	50%
	French	19	26	73%
Sudbury North Total		35	58	60%
Manitoulin				
Gore Bay Child Care Centre	Gore Bay	23	36	64%
	Assiginack	13	15	87%
Manitoulin Family Resources	Little Current	23	25	92%
	Mindemoya	18	15	120%
Manitoulin Total		77	91	85%
LaCloche				
One Tot	AB Ellis	41	43	95%
	St. Marys	8	16	50%
	S Geiger	23	31	74%
Our Children Our Future	Sacred Heart	57	49	116%
	St Joseph	17	30	57%
LaCloche Total		146	169	86%
DSB Total		300	363	83%

The population estimates for 2018 were used to determine the percent of the population using centre based Child Care.

Percent of Children Ages 0-4 using centre based Child Care

Region	Population Estimates 2018	Enrolment (as of 09/19)	Licence Capacity	Percent of Population using care	Child Care Occupancy
Sudbury East	292	42	45	14%	93%
Sudbury North	88	35	58	40%	60%
Manitoulin	252	77	91	31%	85%
LaCloche	418	146	169	35%	86%
DSB Total	1050	300	363	28.5%	83%

The occupancy rates in our Child Care centres are high, the spaces are being used and are needed in our community.

Conclusion

Child Care expansion funding is needed to maintain the current system and address expansion needs. In order to continue to operate existing spaces, consider new spaces, ensure access to expanded hours of care and support affordable fees, Child Care expansion funding is needed.