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Staff Report CAO2021-080

Title of Report: Kids-N-Us EarlyON Lease Agreement for space in the
Dundalk Arena Auditorium Report

Department: Administration

Council Date: December 1, 2021

Council Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report CAO2021-080 as information;
and

That Council approve the Draft Kids-N-Us EarlyON-Southgate Lease Agreement for the leasing of space in Dundalk Arena Auditorium space on the second floor as a Community Services partner providing space for their program; and

That Council consider approving the final version of the Kids-N-Us EarlyON-Southgate Lease Agreement for the leasing of space in Dundalk Arena Auditorium space on the second floor by Southgate By-law at the December 15, 2021 meeting to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the agreement.

Background:

The EarlyON Child program is for children 0 to 5 years of age and parent(s) that is free of charge and provides a place to receive assistance and development services. In the past Kids and Us staff have delivered their program in Dundalk out of the Library, and the Wesleyan and United Churches in Dundalk. The level of interest in the program and the population growth lead to the Kids-N-Us and Grey County Social Services (Children's Services) staff to realize this program needs to be delivered in Dundalk on a permanent basis. This was started by the pilot EarlyON Child and Family Centre in Dundalk being operated out of the Olde Town Hall which started on February 1st, 2018.

Grey County and Kids-N-Us later applied for a federal-provincial funding grant, with the application due January 19, 2018 for funding to retrofit an existing building by December 31, 2020, to create a permanent EarlyON Centre location in Dundalk. Southgate at the same time applied to the Federal Government for the Enabling Accessibility Fund to install an elevator lift in the arena. Both projects were approved for funding allocation to the Dundalk Arena and the Auditorium project was completed to upgrade the second floor and address accessibility issues.

Grey County Child Services through Kids-N-Us have the capability to pay \$400.00 per month for building rent. Southgate also has a funding agreement obligation to support them because the grant dollars we received for the Dundalk Auditorium.

Staff Comments:

Staff recommends the renewal and approval of this amended lease agreement for the space in the Dundalk Arena Auditorium to Kids-N-Us EarlyON Childcare and Family Education program to serve the Dundalk community 5 days a week.

Financial Impact or Long Term Implications

There is no financial impact to the municipality as a result of this report to the Township of Southgate 2022 budget. The Township will receive \$400.00 per month and this rent will be allocated to support the operating costs of the Dundalk Arena budget.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public. Southgate's Goal is Trusted, Timely and Transparent Decision Making.

Goal 4 - Adequate and Efficient Public Facilities

Action 4: The residents and businesses of Southgate expect the Township to plan and adequately provide for public facilities for gatherings, recreation and doing business with the Township, while recognizing at the same time that facility needs can change with age and a changing population.

Strategic Initiatives 4-C (2019-2023): The Dundalk arena auditorium will have had an elevator installed and the necessary renovations will have been completed, in order to accommodate the expanded Early-ON program and a wider variety of programming for youth, seniors, and newcomers to the community, and possibly a cafeteria.

Concluding Comments:

1. Council receive this staff report as information.
2. Council approve the Draft Kids-N-Us EarlyON-Southgate Lease Agreement for the leasing of space in Dundalk Arena Auditorium space on the second floor as a Community Services partner providing space for their program
3. Council consider approving the final version of the Kids-N-Us EarlyON-Southgate Lease Agreement for the leasing of space in Dundalk Arena Auditorium space on the second floor by Southgate By-law at the December 15, 2021 meeting to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

CAO approval: Original Signed By

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- Attachment #1 – Kids and Us EarlyON Lease Agreement for Space in the Dundalk Arena Auditorium dated January 1, 2022