



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 15-409**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services
Resource Staff: Adam McCluskey, Acting Director, Recreation & Leisure Services
Date of Meeting: November 3, 2015
Subject: Healthy Kids Community Challenge Agreement

Executive Summary:

In 2014, with Council's direction, City staff submitted an application to the Healthy Kids Community Challenge through the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care on behalf of over 20 Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington regional partners including the municipalities of the Town of Greater Napanee, Loyalist Township and the Municipality of South Frontenac.

In July 2015, as the lead agency, the City received notice of funding in the amount of \$1,125,000 for 3 years to support the Challenge implementation in the KFL&A Region.

As per Report Number 14-097, Council authorized staff to enter into partnership agreements to facilitate the implementation of the Challenge. The City is now required to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with the Ministry in order to receive funds and carry out subsequent partnership agreements.

Recommendation:

That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services, with the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care for the purpose of implementing the Healthy Kids Community Challenge; and

That Council delegate authority to the Commissioner, Community Services or her delegates to sign any subsequent reports required by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for the purpose of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge over the next three (3) years of grant funding.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

Lanie Hurdle, Commissioner, Community Services

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Gerard Hunt, Chief Administrative Officer

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Cynthia Beach, Corporate & Strategic Initiatives	Not required
Denis Leger, Transportation, Facilities & Emergency Services	Not required
Jim Keech, President and CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Desiree Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required

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Options/Discussion:

In July 2015, as the lead agency in an application to the Healthy Kids Community Challenge, the City received notice from the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care of funding in the amount of \$1,125,000 for 3 years to support the Challenge implementation in the KFL&A Region.

The Ministry of Health & Long Term Care requires the City to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with them in order to receive the funds and carry out subsequent partnership agreements for the purpose of implementing the Healthy Kids Community Challenge. The Ministry of Health and Long Term will be requiring another 26 subsequent update reports during the three (3) year term.

The City of Kingston, together with its KFL&A regional partners, along with 44 communities across Ontario will be participating in The Healthy Kids Community Challenge delivering local programs and activities that will support children to be more active and healthy.

Over the next three years, the City will receive resources from the province including funding, training, guidance and social marketing tools to help promote healthy eating, physical activity and healthy lifestyle choices for children.

This new program is a key part of Ontario's Healthy Kids Strategy. The strategy is a cross-government initiative launched to promote children's health focusing on: healthy start, healthy food and healthy active communities.

The goal of the program is for communities to work to reduce childhood overweight and obesity through community-led planning and action.

Expected Outcomes:

- Reduce childhood obesity and overweight.
- Improved healthy behaviours among children and youth related to healthy eating, physical activity and adequate sleep.
- Community collaboration and coordination on child and youth obesity prevention and reduction, including the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.
- Advanced research and evidence on approaches and the interventions that support healthy weights in Ontario.

Existing Policy/By Law:

The 2010 Parks & Recreation Master Plan recommended:

“Review the approach to partnership development and ongoing agreements with community partners with a view to a standardized approach, better supporting existing partners and expanding the partnership base in the delivery of services.”

It is anticipated that the project outcomes will help achieve some of the recommendations and objectives established through the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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Notice Provisions:

Not applicable

Accessibility Considerations:

Not applicable

Financial Considerations:

This project is not anticipated to have an impact on the City's operational budget. The City will receive up to \$1,125,000 for the period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2018 to be allocated as follows; \$375,000 for 2015-2016, \$375,000 for 2016-2017 and \$375,000 for 2017-2018. The City will be reallocating funds to partner agencies. Funds cannot be applied to existing programs or resources.

As part of the funding requirements, KFL&A Public Health has committed to providing a full time Project Manager position as part of the grant requirements, providing up to 50% of wage costs, with the remaining 50% being covered by the funding. This is the only staff position eligible for funding under the programs eligible expenses.

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Exhibits Attached:

Not applicable