

## COUNCIL REPORT

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Report Date	November 14, 2018
Meeting Date	November 19, 2018
Service Area	Transportation and Environment Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

***SUBJECT: Millidgeville and Carleton Community Centre Contracts***

### **OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION**

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

### **AUTHORIZATION**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

City staff recommends the following:

- RESOLVED that the parties extend the agreement (two years) in consideration of the sum of \$52,780.00 to December 31, 2019 and the sum of \$53,572.00 extend to December 31, 2020 between the City of Saint John and the YMCA of Greater Saint John Inc. dated August 26, 2013 as renewed February 23, 2015, further renewed December 16, 2016, and again renewed December 12, 2017 for services, at the Millidgeville Community Centre and that the terms and current agreement be extended except as to any right to renew and that the Mayor and Common Clerk be authorized to sign all necessary documentation.
- RESOLVED that the parties extend the agreement (one year) in consideration of the sum of \$190,210.00 (HST included) to January 31, 2020 between the City of Saint John and the Carleton Community Centre Inc. dated November 22, 2017 for services, at the Carleton Community Centre and that the terms and current agreement be extended except as to any right to renew and that the Mayor and Common Clerk be authorized to sign all necessary documentation.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to recommend extension of service contracts for two of the City's primary community centres.

## **PREVIOUS RESOLUTION**

Common Council last resolved to enter into community centre service agreements with Carleton Community Centre Inc. and the YMCA in November and December 2017, respectively.

## **REPORT**

Five primary community centres exist in Saint John that are funded significantly by the City. The South End Community Centre is in St. John the Baptist/King Edward School and is currently operated by the Boys and Girls Club. The Nick Nicolle (North End) Community Centre is a city-owned building attached to the former Lorne School and is currently operated by ONE Change. The Forest Glen Community Centre is attached to Forest Hills School and is currently operated by the YMCA. The Millidgeville Community Centre is attached to M. Gerald Teed School and is operated by the YMCA. The Carleton Community Centre is a city-owned building and is currently operated by Carleton Community Centre Inc.

There are also seven additional and completely neighbourhood owned and operated community centres in the City. Each centre gets a lower level of City funding to help offset costs.

In addition, there are three privately owned and operated community centres, being the Boys and Girls Club, YMCA and Teen Resource Centre.

A chapter of PlaySJ is dedicated to community centres. The strategic plan identified there was a slight over-supply of community centres with 17 in the City whereas 14 is the benchmark based on the City's population. Since PlaySJ was adopted the Somerset Community Centre, a City staff operated centre, as well as the Loch Lomond Community Centre, a neighbourhood owned/operated centre, were closed.

PlaySJ also recommended the continued move from centres run by City staff to those managed and operated by the community, referred to as Alternate Service Delivery (ASD). The purpose for the move to ASD is to lower the cost of operating the community centres by allowing the respective service organizations to leverage other partnerships, a volunteer base, and operational efficiencies, particularly in the case of larger organizations such as YMCA or the Boys and Girls Club. In the case of neighbourhood-based organizations such as ONE Change, and Carleton Community Centre Inc. the ASD model allows residents in the neighbourhood to continue to own their neighbourhood. City staff once operated all primary community centres.

Staff is proposing a one year extension for the Carleton Community Centre agreement. Typically agreements are created for 2 or more years at a time. The Carleton Community Centre Inc. continues to work on their strategic planning,

being a relatively new organization. A longer agreement with updated terms of reference is contemplated when their strategic planning is finalized.

The Anglophone South School District has confirmed in writing their continued support of the YMCA operating the Millidgeville Community Centre. The school district's approval of the operator of this community centre is required as per agreement between the City and school district.

There are many other recommendations in PlaySJ regarding community centres that need to be developed. City staff continue to work on these recommendations.

### ***STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT***

This report aligns with PlaySJ as well as Council's priorities related to:

- investing in arts, culture and recreation experiences that create a sense of community pride, and
- continuous improvement toward operational efficiency through strategic partnerships.

### ***SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES***

The attached agreements would allow the same level of service be provided at the Millidgeville and Carleton Community Centres as was provided in 2018. The total cost to the City for the two agreements for fiscal year 2019 would be \$242,990 (inclusive of HST) and the 2019 General Fund Operating Budget, as currently proposed, contains the required level of funding.

### ***INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS***

The City Solicitor's office supported development of the attached agreement extensions for Council's consideration.

### ***ATTACHMENTS***

Proposed agreement with YMCA for 2019 - 2020 Millidgeville Community Centre Operations.

Proposed agreement with Carleton Community Centre Inc. for 2019 Carleton Community Centre Operations.