

1. **Transition of Centre éducatif Pinocchio to a high needs area**
Transition du Centre éducatif Pinocchio vers un secteur à besoins élevés

Committee Recommendation(s) as amended

That Council:

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2. **Approve the 1010 Somerset Street West location to transition the Centre éducatif Pinocchio that maintains and increases Francophone child care spaces to a high needs area; and**
3. **Delegate authority to the Director, Children's Services, to negotiate, enter into, execute and amend agreements with the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO) to facilitate the transition of the Centre éducatif Pinocchio Child Care Centre, as described in this report; and**
4. **Direct staff to use the 1010 Somerset Street Capital Account to cover the expected costs to build two additional child care rooms should Provincial funding not be received by the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO), as described in this report; and**
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6. **Direct staff to report back to Community Services Committee the findings of the business case no later than Q1 2027 with next steps and recommendations for consideration as part of the planned 1010 Somerset Street transition plan to help minimize impacts for families.**

Recommandation(s) du comité telles que modifiées

Que le Conseil :

- 1. Reçoive l'analyse de rentabilité et le plan de financement des immobilisations, conformément aux directives du Conseil, afin de faciliter la transition du Centre éducatif Pinocchio vers un secteur à besoins élevés, comme il est indiqué dans le présent rapport;**
- 2. Approuve l'emplacement du 1010, rue Somerset Ouest, pour la transition du Centre éducatif Pinocchio, qui maintient et augmente le nombre de places de services de garde francophones, vers un secteur où les besoins sont élevés;**
- 3. Délègue au directeur des Services à l'enfance le pouvoir de négocier, de conclure, d'exécuter et de modifier des ententes avec le Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO) afin de faciliter la transition du Centre éducatif Pinocchio, tel qu'il est décrit dans le présent rapport;**
- 4. Demande au personnel d'utiliser le compte d'immobilisations pour le projet du 1010, rue Somerset, pour couvrir les coûts prévus de la construction de deux nouvelles salles de services de garde si le Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario (CEPEO) ne reçoit pas de financement provincial, comme il est expliqué dans le présent rapport;**
- 5. Demande au personnel de préparer un dossier de décision et un plan de financement des immobilisations pour étudier la faisabilité de maintenir des services de garde francophones gérés par la municipalité dans la Basse-Ville ou la Côte-de-Sable;**
- 6. Demande au personnel de lui présenter les constats du dossier de décision d'ici le premier trimestre de 2027, ainsi que les prochaines étapes et les recommandations à prendre en compte dans le plan de déménagement du 1010, rue Somerset pour limiter les répercussions sur les familles.**

Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of the draft Minutes, Community Services Committee, June 24, 2025
Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité des services communautaires,
le 24 juin 2025
2. General Manager's Report, Community and Social Services, submitted on
June 13, 2025 (ACS2025-CSS-GEN-009)
Rapport de la directrice générale, services sociaux et communautaires
soumis le 13 juin 2025 (ACS2025-CSS-GEN-009)

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File No. ACS2025-CSS-GEN-009 – Rideau-Vanier (12) and Somerset (14)

Jason Sabourin, Director, Children's Services, answered questions from the Committee.

There were no public submissions on this item.

Following discussions, the Committee considered Motion No. CSC 2025-17-01, as well as the report recommendations as amended, as follows:

Report recommendation(s)

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5. Reaffirm the City's 2021 commitment to direct staff to seamlessly transition these critical Francophone spaces, minimize impacts for families, work with the Centre éducatif Pinocchio landlord and a not-for-profit child care provider to maintain dedicated Francophone spaces and prioritize these spaces within directed growth strategies to ensure the spaces can remain within the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system, offering reduced fees for families.

Motion No. CSC 2025-17-01

Moved by S. Plante

WHEREAS a Municipal Child Care Centre Review ([ACS2021-CSS-GEN-0008](#)) was completed and presented to City Council in June 2021 as a result of the child care and early years sector undergoing a significant period of transformation, modernization and growth; and

WHEREAS having access to French-language child care and early years services is important for Francophone families in Ottawa. These services develop a sense of belonging, foster community vitality, preserve the language and encourage attendance in French-language schools; and

WHEREAS the Review found that services at 111 Sussex Drive located between Lowertown and New Edinburgh, did not meet Council's mandate for municipally operated child care. This finding is mostly attributable to not serving families who face various barriers and systemic challenges; and

WHEREAS parents and families in Lowertown are very concerned about the loss of city-run Francophone child care in the area; and

WHEREAS the current report recommendation is to reaffirm the City's 2021 commitment to direct staff to seamlessly transition these critical Francophone spaces, minimize impacts for families, work with the Centre éducatif Pinocchio landlord and a not-for-profit child care provider to maintain dedicated Francophone spaces and prioritize these spaces within directed growth strategies to ensure the spaces can remain within the CWELCC system offering reduced fees for families; and

WHEREAS Children's Services is guided by the Council-approved Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan and provincial priorities, applying an equity and inclusion lens and an evidence-based approach to identify priority populations

and geographic areas for the allocation of Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) -funded child care spaces between 2023 and 2026; and

WHEREAS this approach is intended to ensure that new child care spaces are prioritized for families and communities facing systemic barriers and lower access to services as a result of limited new growth spaces within the CWELCC system; and

WHEREAS aligning the location of Francophone child care services from 111 Sussex Drive to an area in Lowertown or Sandy Hill would help improve early childhood development outcomes for families facing systemic barriers and would better align to achieving the outcomes included in the Council-approved Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan; and

WHEREAS many existing community child care service providers in Lowertown and Sandy Hill are experiencing viability concerns, with a risk of lower access for a neighbourhood (Lowertown) that has a high neighbourhood vulnerability score indicating negative early child developmental outcomes and a neighbourhood (Sandy Hill) that is below provincial access targets as outlined within the Child Care and Early Years Service System Plan (2025-2029); and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa used to also municipally operate a location in Lowertown and increasing municipally operated services around this area would help mitigate the associated service delivery risks for this community and ensure access to culturally relevant Francophone services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT recommendation 5 of the report be deleted and replaced with the following:

[That the Community Services Committee recommend that Council:]

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