



BOARD REPORT

REPORT No.: 2024-28A

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

SUBJECT: CHILD CARE FEE SUBSIDY RATES 2025

RECOMMENDATION

THAT with respect to Report No. 2024-28A (Integrated Social Services Division) we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve the maximum school age child care rates for fee subsidy recipients, effective January 1, 2025, as presented.

REPORT SUMMARY

To provide The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board) with information and rationale for determining the maximum school age child care rates for fee subsidy recipients for the 2025 budget year.

BACKGROUND

Fee subsidy is income tested financial assistance provided toward the cost of child care for parents or legal guardians of children between birth and 12 years of age.

Historically, child care operators determined their daily child care rates based on their own internal business model, with TBDSSAB establishing the maximum daily rates upon which it will provide fee subsidy for eligible families.

With the implementation of the Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care (CWELCC) Program, child care fees for birth to age 6 age categories were frozen by the province as of March 27, 2022. Under the CWELCC program New Child Care Funding Approach, as of January 1st, 2025 the Ministry of Education (Ministry) has moved to a fixed rate of \$22 per day for all age categories with the exception of the school age children from 6-12 years of age.

COMMENTS

The Ministry has taken a phased in approach to the CWELCC System, with the goal of reaching an average parent fee of \$10 a day by 2025-26 for licensed child care spaces. This will involve several steps to reduce current fees to this target level.

The first step was providing a 25% fee reduction for families, beginning April 1, 2022, then building to a 50% reduction in average parent costs (based on March 27, 2022 levels) for licensed child care by the end of the calendar year 2022. This fee reduction continues for 2025 upon the release of the New Child Care Funding Approach. The base fee will be \$22 per day per child for families, except for those children over 6 years of age, based on the CWELCC guidelines and eligibility criteria provided by the Ministry.

The following chart outlines the 2024 actual rates and the proposed 2025 rates. Administration is proposing that school age rates be increased using the prior year (2024) Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.8% rounded to the nearest full dollar. The CPI has been used in prior years to guide the increase in maximum child care per diem rates. This results in a proposed \$1 per day increase for school age rates for 2025.

TBDSSAB Maximum Child Care Rates

Age Category	2024	2025	Increase
School Age	\$41	\$42	2.8%

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

This report relates to the Board's strategic direction of promoting organizational excellence through Financial Stewardship, with a focus on engaging community partners in maximizing integrity across the service system. Further, this initiative addresses stabilizing supports and services in the Early Years and Child Care sector.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Administration estimates the financial impact of increasing the maximum daily rates for school age spaces will result in approximately \$407 more fee subsidy being provided to child care operators on behalf of eligible families.

If approved, this amount will be included in the 2025 operating budget to be submitted to the Board.



CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the proposed maximum child care rates for fee subsidy recipients, effective January 1, 2025, be approved as presented.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

Attachment #1

[2025 Proposed Child Care Code Rates Fee Subsidy](#)

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CHILD CARE MAXIMUM and CENTRE SPECIFIC CARE CODE RATES 2025



Age Group	CENTRE	Proposed Rates for 2025								
	Extended 9 hrs +	Full 6 - 9 hrs	3/4 4 - 6 hrs	1/2 2 - 4 hrs	1/2 w Lunch 2 - 4 hrs	Before School < 2 hrs	After School < 2 hrs	Before & After School	Lunch	Overnight *
INFANT CARE CODES	INX	INF	I34	INH	IHL					INO
<i>Current TBDSSAB Approved</i>	\$ 79.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 50.00					\$ 68.00
Non-CWELCC Rate	\$ 79.00	\$ 74.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 50.00					\$ 68.00
CWELCC New Rate		\$ 22.00								
TODDLER CARE CODES	TDX	TDF	T34	TDH	THL					TDO
<i>Current TBDSSAB Approved</i>	\$ 61.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 44.00					\$ 66.00
Non-CWELCC Rate	\$ 61.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 44.00					\$ 66.00
CWELCC New Rate		\$ 22.00								
PRESCHOOL CARE CODES	PSX	PSF	P34	PSH	PHL					PSO
<i>Current TBDSSAB Approved</i>	\$ 54.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 38.00					\$ 61.00
Non-CWELCC Rate	\$ 54.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 44.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 38.00					\$ 61.00
CWELCC New Rate		\$ 22.00								
KINDERGARTEN CARE CODES	KNX	KNF	K34	KNH	KHL	KNB	KNA	KBA	LUN	KNO
<i>Current TBDSSAB Approved</i>	\$ 47.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 61.00
Non-CWELCC Rate	\$ 47.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 61.00
CWELCC New Rate		\$ 22.00				\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.23		
SCHOOLAGE CARE CODES	SAX	SAF	S34	SAH	SHL	SAB	SAA	SBA	LUN	SAO
<i>Current TBDSSAB Approved</i>	\$ 46.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 67.00
2.5% Increase	\$ 47.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 69.00

*Overnight codes applicable to Private Home only
 **CWELCC rates to be updated

CWELCC registered Infant - Kindergarten rates for Operators base fees have been set at \$22 per MEDU
 CPI Index at 2.5% for July
 Most unlicensed providers charge \$45-55 per day