

Media Release



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After school programme reviewed

Council delayed making changes to its After School Programme, pending further information on the funding from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to be announced in March.

During Tuesday's Council meeting, Councillors reviewed the staff's report on the After School Programme and its benefits to the community.

The programme, which currently receives \$25,000 in annual funding from the MSD is funded until June 2013. Council decided to await further information from the MSD regarding its new funding model. That information, due out in March, will enable Council to make a more informed decision about its options.

Parents and guardians were advised of the Council's review and will be kept informed of any further decisions.

The After School Programme was conceived in 2007 following requests from customers of The Events Centre (TEC) Holiday Programme. The programme operates as an Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) programme and is Child, Youth and Family approved. The programme is partially funded by the MSD.

Since its inception, the programme has continually grown due to demand and the closure of other programmes. The After School Programme currently serves 50 children with 36 more on the waiting list.

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