



## STAFF REPORT

**Title:** Grant Agreement - Parent Link Centre Grant

**Meeting Date:** March 12, 2019

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### **Executive Summary:**

The Cold Lake Parent Link Centre (PLC) is uniquely designed to meet the needs of families and caregivers. The Parent Link Centre works with parents, caregivers and other agencies to give children the best start in life. The Centre offers families comprehensive support in five core service areas: Early Childhood Development and Care; Parent Education; Family Support; Information and Referrals; and Developmental Screening.

Administration has received Parent Link Centre annual grant agreement for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

### **Background:**

The Cold Lake Parent Link Centre is one of the four (4) participating community partners which forms the Lakeland Parent Link Network. The Lakeland Parent Link Network is one of Alberta's network of 57 Parent Link Centres. The participating community partners in the Lakeland Parent Link Network are: the City of Cold Lake, Town of St. Paul, Town of Bonnyville and Lac La Biche County.

Since 2012 the Cold Lake Parent Link Centre has been the Grant Recipient for the Lakeland Parent Link Network (LPLN). The Lakeland Parent Link Network received in \$544,163. For the 2018/2019 fiscal year. Notwithstanding an administrative percentage, each participating community partner receives an equal portion of the grant funds. The Grant Recipient (City of Cold Lake by way of Cold Lake Parent Link Manager) is allocated an administrative percentage from the Provincial Parent Link Centre Grant.

The Lakeland Parent Link Network will receive \$555,046 for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. The increase is attributed to the two percent (2%) to the base Provincial budget amount. However this Agreement does not acknowledge the changes to the Employment Standards Legislation which came into effect January 1, 2018 addressing impacts to general holiday pay calculations in the amount of \$6,704.00. Administration is anticipating that the Province will address the increase to Employment Standards Legislation.

### **Alternatives:**

Council may consider the following options:



1. Council authorize the City of Cold Lake to enter into the Parent Link Centre Grant Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Alberta respecting for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.
2. Council may defer the Parent Link Centre Grant Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Alberta respecting for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.
3. Council may receive this report as information.

**Recommended Action:**

That Council authorize the City of Cold Lake to enter into the Parent Link Centre Grant Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Alberta respecting for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

**Budget Implications (Yes or No):**

Yes

**Submitted by:**

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