



**Village of Rycroft  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

**Council Meeting Date: March 16, 2021**

**TOPIC:** Daycare in the Village

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:** That Council accept the report for information.

**BACKGROUND:** A Council priority recorded at the October 2020 Strategic Planning session was for Administration to research daycare options for the Village residents.

Currently in the Village, there is one private daycare home with a business license.

In surveying other communities regarding what the municipality has and supports in their respective communities, we found the following levels of service:

- Birch Hills County, the MD of Spirit River, and the Town of Spirit River do not have any daycare services for their residents.
- Saddle Hills has a childcare subsidy for its residents, where they provide a grant to residents who use childcare services.
- Sexsmith has 2 private daycares in the town. As these are private businesses, the Town does not offer any incentives to residents or daycare centres.
- Fairview has one private daycare. They offer no incentives for residents or the daycare centre.
- The Town of Peace River leases the land that the privately run daycare sits on for \$1/year. They offer no incentives for residents.

**IMPLICATION OF DECISION**

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. Council could request Administration to gather more specific information on this topic

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

Peter Thomas

**Chief Administrative Officer**

March 11, 2021

**Date**