

**Municipality Of Chatham-Kent**  
**Community Human Services**  
**Child Care and Early Years**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Kelly Emery, Director of Child Care and Early Years Division  
**Date:** November 20, 2019  
**Subject:** Great Lakes Gymnastics Centre – Vendor Services

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that:

1. Great Lakes Gymnastics Centre be added to the A.L.L. For Kids Program vendor roster.

**Background**

The Activities, Lessons, and Leisure (A.L.L.) For Kids program helps with the cost of registering children into recreational activities in Chatham-Kent. Recently, staff were approached by a parent requesting consideration for an activity approval for Great Lakes Gymnastics Centre.

Great Lakes Gymnastics Centre is owned and operated by Audrey-Ann van der Zon, an employee of the Municipality of Chatham Kent at Riverview Gardens.

Section 39 (d) of the Purchasing By-law states: “Council must approve the purchase of any deliverables where the company being awarded is owned directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by an Employee of the Municipality or Board.”

The addition of Great Lakes Gymnastics Centre as a vendor will allow children more choices for activities through the A.L.L. For Kids Program. Therefore, approval of the addition of this vendor is being requested.

**Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors**

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

Economic Prosperity:

Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy

A Healthy and Safe Community:

Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth

People and Culture:

Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community

Environmental Sustainability:

Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendation in this report supports the following critical success factors:

Financial Sustainability:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable

Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership

Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors

Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

**Consultation**

The A.L.L. For Kids Coordinator was consulted on the vendor and activities offered.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

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Attachment: None

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